



CONSTRUCTION

Field house cost rises

Change of location,
materials lifts total
up to \$6.7 million

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Before Missouri Southern's track team can begin jumping hurdles in the new field house, College administrators have a more immediate obstacle to overcome — the price tag.

Initial cost estimates for the construction of the field house are now believed to be \$1.5 million off, said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

Original construction costs estimated at \$5.2 million by the Phoenix-based architectural design company, Deutsch Associates have been revised to \$6.7 million in the facility's new floor plan.

Tiede cites a change in location and construction materials as the

primary factors in the cost increase.

"Originally, we were talking about a metal building by the stadium," he said. "We [later] decided it would be better to bring it across the road, and we didn't want a metal building sitting in the middle of campus."

The facility, which will now be located adjacent to Young Gymnasium and provide twice the seating capacity, will be constructed out of prefabricated concrete.

The project's new design will also provide additional space for classrooms, an improved weight room, and practice areas.

"One of the problems that the administration solved was that the earlier plan was just a basketball court and running track under a roof," said Ed Wimmer, an architect for Deutsch Associates. "The project that we're looking at now, the entire campus can benefit from."

Wimmer also believes the increased size of the facility from 75,000 square feet to 100,000 square feet while inflating the construction

price tag will actually save the College money.

"The actual price per square foot has come down," he said. "By bringing the building into the heart of the campus, we're able to use the central heating plant systems that are available rather than having a stand-alone system."

Wimmer says the money saved on heating of the facility combined with a second-floor addition will drive the cost down from \$80 per square foot to approximately \$75 per square foot.

James Frazier, men's athletic director, who has been petitioning to build the facility since 1983, said the athletic department's need for improved training facilities outweighs the price tag.

"We thought we were going to get this facility 14 years ago," he said. "If it costs a quarter of a million dollars, then it costs a quarter of a million dollars. I don't care. We've got to have [a new weight room] to be competitive in the MIAA." □

THINK SUMMER



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Making sure she'll have less work to do after class, Sheila Cross, sophomore music education major, tries to place a plastic cover over her windshield after the first snowfall of the season Wednesday.

STUDENT LIFE BEAT



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Carefully examining the mall has become routine for Heather N. Jones (front) and Heather L. Jones. The two Missouri Southern students are among 118 on all the College who share the same first and last names.

□ At Missouri Southern 118 students share their first and last names with at least one other person on campus, which has many playing the ...

SAME name GAME

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It's not exactly a twin thing, but there is bond among 118 students on campus that the rest of the student body doesn't share with their classmates — they share their name with at least one other person on campus.

In several cases, names are shared by three people, and in the instance of John Smith, four people share the name.

Last year there were three Jeremy Browns roving campus, and the only thing separating their identities were the middle initials K, L, and W.

"I knew of at least one other," said Jeremy K. Brown, senior criminal justice major. "There's

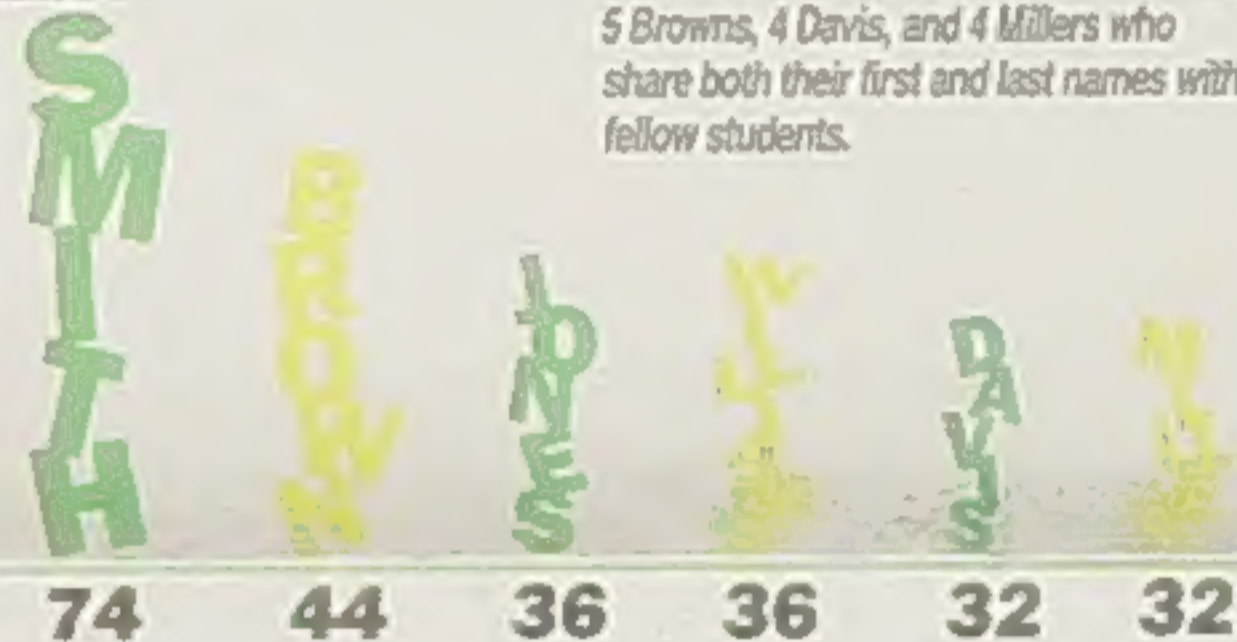
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What's in a name?

Conformity is not strived for at the college level, but sometimes you can't help it. This is a list of the six most common last names of students at Missouri Southern and the number of students who share them.



J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

one that's actually in the honors program with me, and one time I got his Bright Flight [scholarship] check."

"I've never had anything like that happen, surprisingly," said Jeremy L. Brown, freshman undecided major.

Instead, it was Jeremy W. Brown's check that had been sent to the other Jeremy Brown.

"I think at the library one time they were confused," said Jeremy W., who graduated in May and is now working at Freeman Hospitals and Health System. "I remember there was a mix-up of some kind."

Sound confusing? Well, it is for several offices around campus, but not for the students themselves. Most say they have very little contact with their name twins.

"It wasn't that weird; he didn't look like me or anything," Jeremy W. said after meeting Jeremy K. a year ago.

Others seek out the students with their name. The

two Heather Wilsons are familiar with one another because of a meeting set up by Heather N. Wilson's friend. If it had been up to the student housing officials, they would have seen a lot more of each other.

"This summer when I got my housing thing in I was mad because I got hers and she got mine," said Heather N., a junior undecided major.

"I've known my roommate now since sixth grade, and we had planned to have matching bedspreads and everything," said Heather L. Wilson, a freshman psychology major. "But when I got the list of my roommates, they were all upperclassmen."

Having all these duplicate names at Missouri Southern just means officials have to be a little more careful about sending out information.

"It's a little difficult if you're trying to figure out if you've got duplicates in your database," said Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services. "Generally you have to dig deeper into the student's file."

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FACULTY RETIREMENTS

Two instructors dismissing classes for good

Baiamonte recalls his arrival when only 4 buildings existed

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

An era is coming to an end at Missouri Southern. Dr. Vernon Baiamonte, physical science department head, has announced the end of his 31 years at Southern.

His will retire at the end of the summer session.

When Baiamonte arrived in 1967, Southern had just moved to its current

location and was making the transition from Joplin Junior College.

"When I started there were only four buildings," he said. "I never planned on being here this long. But things were growing — I stayed."

In 1970 he became the College's first department head and has been one ever since. Previously, Southern had division chairs.

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Spector shocks colleagues with decision

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In a move that shocked his colleagues, Dr. Stephen Spector, head of the English department, recently announced his retirement effective at the end of this academic year.

"When I announced it at the meeting there was just complete silence," said Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English. "Finally, someone said, 'You're joking, right?'"

But it wasn't a joke. Spector, who is in his sixth year at Southern, said he started thinking about retirement some months ago.

"Once you turn a corner and start thinking about it, then the question becomes when to do it," he said. "If you're thinking about retirement, it's not good to be a department head, because you need to have a personal stake in the future of the department."

A number of factors contributed to Spector's decision, one of which was his father's experience with the retirement decision.

"My father taught until he was 70, even though he could have retired 10 years earlier," he said. "He retired, and then he died."

"I think it's best to do it while you still have some marbles left and can enjoy it."

I'd be more financially secure if I taught for another 15 years, but it's a trade off."

Another factor in his decision is his conviction that the English department needs an infusion of younger faculty.

"I think there will be a lot of turnover in the department in the next few years," he said. "It's not a young department anymore, and it will be better when we can bring in younger people. Younger people are links to the profession."

Spector has made few decisions about what he will do after retirement, but he and his wife plan to return to their previous home.

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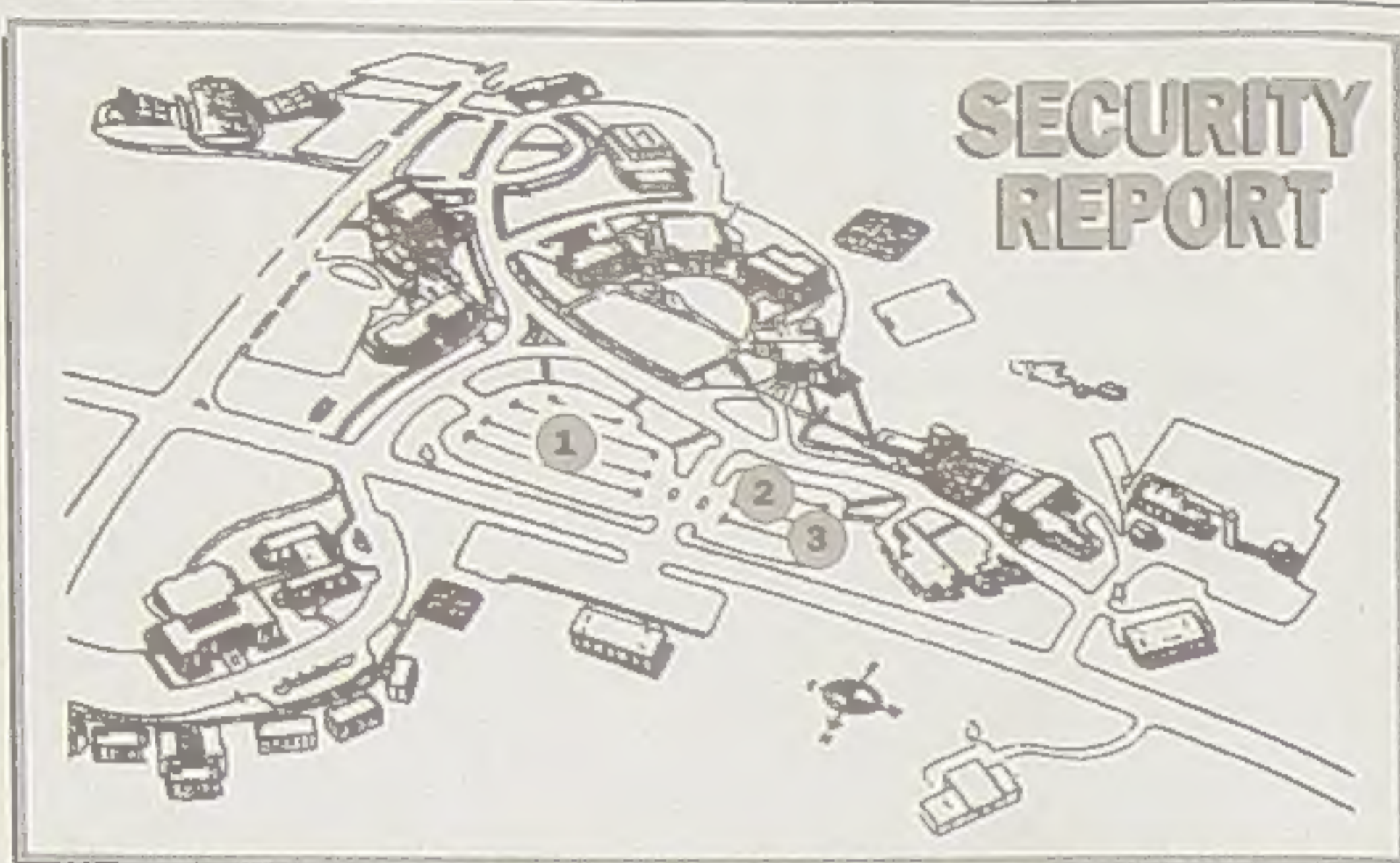
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GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Griffin receives honor

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

For the sixth year, a Missouri Southern instructor has been nominated for the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department and co-director for the center for teaching and learning, has been named as Southern's recipient this year.

"She is very deserving," said College President Julio Leon. "First of all, she is an outstanding teacher. She has also been involved in so many College initiatives."

Since 1992, Leon has been responsible for choosing the Southern faculty representative most deserving of the award.

"I found out about the award

when I was sent to the president's office. I was surprised to find out why," Griffin said. "It was an honor to be nominated."

This is Griffin's 20th year at Southern. She began as an assistant professor and has served in a variety of positions, including interim dean of education for one year. She is also serving as co-chair of the steering committee for a self-study report to the North Central Accreditation.

"She is a brilliant woman," said Dr. James Jackson, biology professor and previous Governor's Award recipient. "I am pleased she is receiving this award for a whole lot of reasons; the most important is her ability to bridge the gap between the faculty and administration."

The award will be presented by Gov. Mel Carnahan at the Governor's Conference on Higher Education Dec. 11-12 in St. Louis.

"The very fact it is called the Governor's Award and it is given by the governor gives it prestige," Leon said. "Aside from that it is also

recognition from the college."

The first Governor's Award recipient was Dr. James Shaver, professor of business.

Past recipients of the award are Dr. Judith Conboy, professor of sociology; Jackson; Warren Turner, associate professor of kinesiology; and Richard Massa, head of the communications department.

"Always, the job is its own reward," Jackson said. "But it is nice when you feel you are doing your very best and get recognized for it."

Jackson said he felt fortunate to have been given the honor of the recognition because there are so many qualified faculty in his department and on Southern's campus. He said it must be a hard task trying to narrow it down to just one individual.

"Teaching classes and working with students are my favorite parts of the job," Griffin said.

"I never offer the same course in the same way. There is always something new to introduce to the students." □

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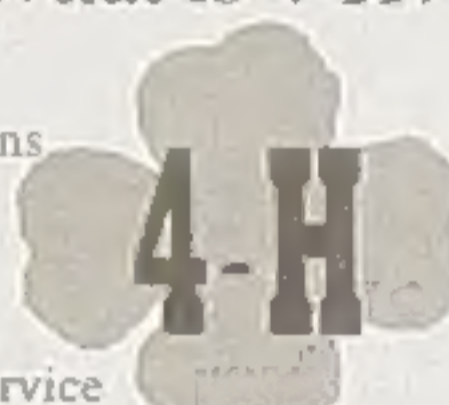
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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Bonds going quickly at \$5,000 apiece

College projects costing more than \$13 million

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Due to escalating cost estimates for the construction of the new field house and second-floor addition to the Student Life Center, Missouri Southern has revised its financing plan for both projects.

Initially seeking \$8 million in revenue bonds to cover construction, Southern now

plans to raise an excess of \$13 million.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the College plans to incorporate the projects into an already existing "auxiliary enterprise system" consisting of the Student Life Center, housing and telecommunications facilities, and the student union building. The auxiliary enterprise system was also funded by the selling of revenue bonds. The increase to \$13 million would serve to underwrite the existing bonds, as well as fund the new construction projects.

"Any time we've done something like this, we've issued bonds to finance it," Tiede said. "Then we make payments on it from the revenues generated by the facilities."

A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc., a St. Louis-based brokerage firm, was approved in August as the adviser and bond underwriter for the projects, and will distribute the bonds.

"[A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc.] arranges for the sale," Tiede said. "They actually buy the bonds, and then they distribute them out either through their retail offices or to institutional buyers."

The revenue bonds became available to individuals and institutions Nov. 11 at the denomination of \$5,000. Lyle Green, an investment broker for A.G. Edwards & Sons

Inc., said the bonds have sold rapidly.

"They're basically gone," he said. "[Revenue bonds] are a very quick, efficient way to raise money. They sell quickly for any type of project such as this."

Tiede says the College will also rely on other sources of assistance for the projects.

"We hope to get some contributions," he said. "The [Missouri Southern] Foundation has made an agreement to basically fund \$1.5 million of the project costs."

Although the building contract has yet to be awarded, construction is tentatively planned to begin in March with completion in nine to 12 months. □

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TAKING SOME TIME BETWEEN SHOTS TO CLEAN WEAPONS, BRIAN WALTERS (RIGHT), JUNIOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR LOOKS ON AS BRIAN KIEK, SOPHOMORE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR, FIDDLES WITH HIS GUN AT THE MILLS ANDERSON CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER.

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LECTURE

Speaker explores cultural differences

By CALE RITTER
CHART REPORTER

The Chinese role of the media is to uplift the people, Dr. Max Liu told a Global Broadcasting class on Nov. 5.

Liu, who spoke to 10 students and two instructors in Webster Hall, formerly worked for the first Chinese national television program to teach English.

"You don't hear about robberies or murders," Liu said. "You hear of heroes and not conflicts."

Another difference between Chinese and American media is the newspapers. While the *New York Times* may contain 100 pages, the national newspaper for China has only eight pages.

The front page covers the president and heads of state. There is also a separate page for news on factories, international news, Taiwan and Hong Kong, sports, and entertainment. Liu said everyone reads this.

"China used to have only two television channels; they now probably have a dozen plus cable," he said. "They have a channel dedicated to education only. It taught only English, French, Japanese, and German."

He said there used to be loud speakers on every building and home. Every day the news would be broadcast over this speaker system from the same radio channel.

Liu said Americans are living in a world

with a global environment. His example for this was how the recent U.S. stock market decline was caused by the Hong Kong crash.

"In the 60s, 70s, and 80s, the Chinese heard bad things about other countries," he said. "Now, however, the Chinese probably know more about America than Americans know about China."

He received questions from the audience after his speech.

"What kind of role does media play in sports?" asked Justin Dudinsky, a junior communications major.

Liu's answer was that it plays as big of a role in China as it does in the U.S.

The informal lecture ended with applause from the audience. □

ACCOUNTING

LaFever's departure gives Yust new post

Former treasurer takes Wichita job

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

After two years as College treasurer, Steve LaFever decided on a career move.

LaFever became the controller at Wichita State University on Nov. 3.

"This was a tremendous opportunity for me to work with a larger budget, staff, and university," LaFever said. "It's about 15,000 students and a \$140 million budget, compared with 5,000 students and, I think, a \$36 million budget."

"This is a more complex environment; they offer doctoral and graduate programs. I supervise a staff of 45 instead of seven."



Stepping in to fill LaFever's shoes is Robert Yust, who has been with the College for approximately four years in various accounting roles.

"My original title was systems and compliance auditor," he said. "I was mainly an accountant for the business office. The last year or two I have been the director of accounting."

One of Yust's main duties will be preparing and presenting the monthly financial statement to the Board of Regents. With Missouri Southern's new \$13 million bond issue, Yust has immediately found himself quite busy.

"Right now I'm heavily involved in the bond issue," he said. "I help Dr. [John] Tiede (senior vice president) verify the numbers as they come in. I am refinancing an old bond issue and putting in the new one. I have to come up with a series of entries to take the old one off and put up a new one."

"They are not replacing my position, so I'm absorbing the new position and keeping another. It puts strain on the rest of the department to keep things running smoothly."

After working with him for two years, LaFever is confident in Yust's abilities.

"He was at the College before I got there; he's had many years experience with the College," LaFever said. "I think he'll do a fine job." □

PSYCHOLOGY

Southern students gain expertise through hot line calls

"We started becoming involved with it about 10 years ago, because we knew that many students end up being professional therapists."

Dr. Roger Paige
Professor of psychology

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

In 1968, because the Jasper County coroner thought the suicide rate was too high, Joplin's Crisis Intervention (JCI) was created. It is a hot line that aids people in emotionally imbalanced situations.

"The crisis hot line depends on non-paid volunteer workers who take calls about suicide, abortion, where to get help with parenting skills, and depression, that sort of thing," said Dr. Roger Paige, professor of psychology.

Since JCI's inception, the psychology department at Missouri Southern has become increasingly involved with the hot line.

For the most part, the service is provided and maintained by Missouri Southern students or former students.

"The hot line is run by Southern paraprofessionals and former students who are now members of the board for the United Way agency. The support of United Way keeps everything going," Paige said.

"We started becoming involved with it about 10 years ago, because we knew that many students end up being professional therapists needing some experience and Crisis Intervention's board help them. So the College offered to offer intervention training as a one-hour class and then a lot of our students could use that as a practicum," he said.

Volunteers who are psychology majors are advised to intern for the hot line after taking classes dealing with crisis issues.

"We like to have psychology majors involved, although there can be other majors with my permission, in a one-hour class which meets for one semester in which basically they encounter procedures that will be used with the hot line," Paige said.

"Every fall we have a new Psychology 201 class and that provides training. Then every semester we have a 202 class, which is the practicum, and there are maybe eight people in that," he said.

"They're on call four times a month, and that's for six-hour periods each time. When they are on

call, they have to stay at home and an answering service will take the call if somebody calls the hot line," Paige said.

Though reports on local suicides seem to have dropped, Joplin Crisis Intervention receives between 40 and 100 calls a month. The practicum has aided in helping callers and preparing student volunteers for their professions.

"My son was a student here six years ago, a premed student, and he went through his training and is now a professional psychiatrist in Kansas City," Paige said. "He made a comment about two or three years ago when he was starting his residency that what he learned in Crisis Intervention helped him a great deal when he first got into the clinical work."

All of the volunteers for the hot line are anonymous.

One former volunteer says her experience with the hot line was invaluable.

"I learned that there are people out there who need a lot of help," she said. "But I think the best thing I learned was about priorities and not to look at my problems as being the biggest thing." □

STUDENT SENATE

Session winds down with extra \$1,643 left in Senate coffers

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With dwindling funds and no further allocation requests from campus organizations, Missouri Southern's Student Senate is winding down its business operations for the semester.

The Senate will hold its final business meeting of the semester Dec. 3. Senators will give committee reports and offer student suggestions, but no campus organizations will be present to request funding allocations.

The Senate, which ran out of funds last spring, currently has \$1,643.35 left in its treasury balance. Senators are allowed to allocate up to \$12,245 per semester to organizations for group expenses, but Senate treasurer Jill Bever says the remaining balance will be carried over to next semester's allocation account.

"It will be nice to have more money to give out [this spring]," she said.

Bever attributes the excess funds to a more conservative Student Senate.

"I've been on the Senate for three years, and we usually

only have about \$100 left. We've never had an amount like this," she said. "This year we were a lot more strict on the amounts of money that we gave out. Usually, we have a Senate that wants to give what the groups ask for. But this year, our Senate was more conservative."

Following its final business meeting, the Senate will continue to convene on a limited basis for various academic purposes.

When the spring semester rolls in, the Student Senate will have new funds to allocate from fees generated by the Southern student body. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

North Central requests input for accreditation

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools is accepting public comments related to the quality of Missouri Southern or its academic programs for a comprehensive evaluation visit April 6-8, 1998.

A team representing the Commission will visit the College at that time. Southern has been accredited by the Commission since 1949. Southern's accreditation is at the bachelor's and associate's degree level.

The Commission is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs.

Accreditation is voluntary. The Commission accredits approximately 950 institutions of higher education in a 19-state region, and it is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College to Public Comment on Missouri Southern State College, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by Feb. 6, 1998. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential. □

Theatre department announces play auditions

An opportunity to work on the original set from a major Broadway production is being offered to area thespians. Auditions will be held for the Missouri Southern theatre department production of *Guys and Dolls* from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium.

The auditions are open to the community as well as students, faculty, and staff at Southern. Callbacks will be Thursday.

Those wishing to audition should prepare a one- or two-minute memorized contemporary comic monologue and a two- or three-minute musical number. Material from *Guys and Dolls* should not be used for the audition.

Those auditioning should provide accompaniment on tape or use a piano that will be provided. An optional part of the audition is a one-minute dance or choreographed piece.

The play features roles for 20 men and 18 women and includes such popular numbers as "Bushel and a Peck," "If I Were A Bell," "I've Never Been In Love Before," and "Luck Be A Lady."

To schedule a five-minute audition, people may call the Southern theatre department at (417) 625-9393. □

16 voice majors invade Webster for performance

Sixteen voice majors under the tutelage of Dr. Susan Smith at Missouri Southern will perform in a recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

Admission is free and open to the public. The concert will feature works from Mendelssohn, Rachmaninov, George and Ira Gershwin, Schumann, Verdi, and others. Some of the selections are from musicals. The program also includes operatic pieces from such works as *Rusalka*, the Russian opera based on Pushkin's dramatic poem; and *Don Giovanni*. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Animal-rights activists can eat my lead

I'm preparing to head into the woods next Saturday for the opening of gun season in Oklahoma. My weapon has been sighted in and my hunting clothes are ready to wear.

I didn't harvest any deer during blackpowder season a few weeks ago.

I saw plenty of deer, but none that I could shoot.

I'd like to think that I am a responsible hunter. I have been teased because I will pass up a deer if it isn't within 25 yards of me; I will not shoot unless I know that it's a kill shot. Many a deer has walked away unscathed because I wasn't sure enough.



Teresa Bland

Co-Director of Photography

I'm an avid reader of outdoor magazines. There has been a lot written about the tactics of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the problems they are causing for hunters and fishermen.

This organization is urging non-hunters to interfere in behalf of animals targeted by hunters.

They are asking people to protest organized hunts, play loud radios, and spread deer repellent or human hair near hunting areas. Their tactics have become so extreme that 35 states have persuaded lawmakers to enact "hunter harassment" laws. PETA is challenging these laws on constitutional grounds of free speech.

PETA is also claiming that the stress of hunting inflicts untold horrors on the deer.

They say the noise, fear, and the constant chase severely restricts their ability to eat adequately and store fat and energy they need to survive for the winter. That's funny; every time I've hunted, I've seen several deer. They didn't act fearful; their tails were down and they grazed peacefully. The buck that my husband shot during black powder season had so much fat on him that it was unreal.

PETA is also reaching into our schools with their propaganda.

They know that reaching the younger people with anti-hunting material will give us a generation that will not hunt. Their purpose will be fulfilled.

Who do these people think they are to try to take away my right to the pursuit of liberty and happiness? I have just as much right to feed my family as they have to feed theirs.

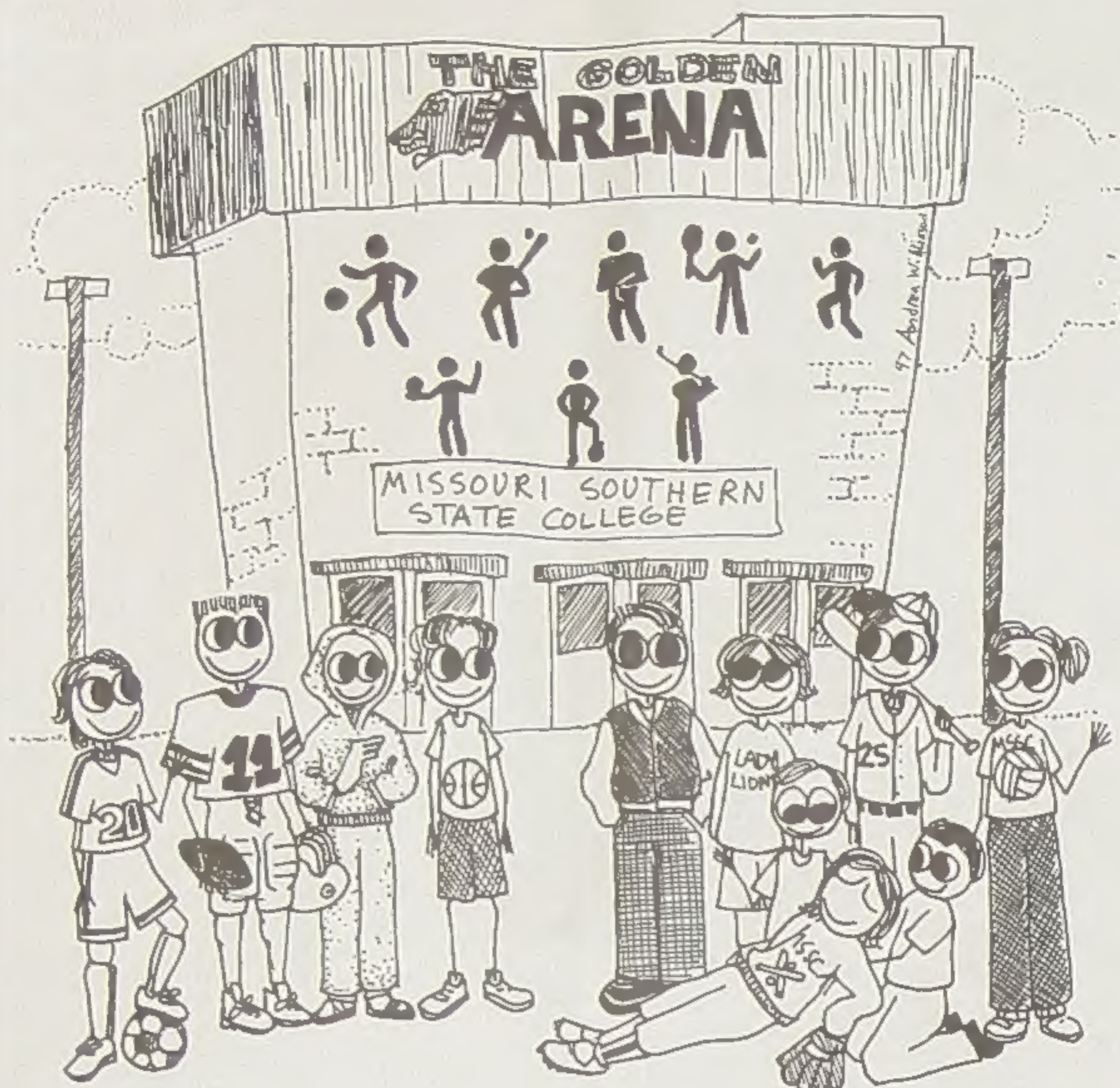
I know there are irresponsible hunters out there; I've run into them several times. I absolutely detest hunters who shoot an animal, only to leave it because it wasn't what they wanted and they didn't want to waste their tag.

My husband and I picked up a deer that had been left by the side of the road. It had been field dressed and its antlers had been cut off. It hadn't been dead for very long when we found it, so we kept it and notified the game warden.

These irresponsible hunters will be the ones who give PETA the ammunition to kill our hunting privileges.

Maybe PETA ought to change the direction of their programs. They should change to PETOP, People for the Ethical Treatment of Other People.

Maybe our world will be a much better place if we learned to respect people a little more by not killing each other. ☐



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Southern for \$5,000 a pop

Anyone got \$5,000? That's the minimum amount it takes to buy a piece of the future of Missouri Southern.

Revenue bonds for the field house project and the second tier of the Student Life Center to accommodate a cafeteria are going quickly, so if you're waffling about whether to buy a little of the College or to get that new Rolex, you'd better make a decision.

It's amazing that \$13 million in bonds are close to being gone after the Proposition J debacle of nearly two years ago. A community that wouldn't support the College with a few measly cents per cheeseburger is now shelling out five grand to do a similar project without any included benefits to the community.

The scariest thing about Prop J was the fact that eventually the burden of paying for the arena would likely fall on the shoulders of the students, but not now. Now it's all on the College and the community. That's one less thing the students have to worry about.

And with news that the field house is going to cost more than originally anticipated, students are smiling even broader at not having to foot the bill.

The only complaints we'll hear now are the education, psychology, and kinesiology students who can't find a place to park because the field house is taking up a good chunk of their lot space. Well, somebody has to suffer.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education would not pay for these items, the students certainly weren't going to, and the voters of this region turned their backs as well. With nowhere left to go, the College simply resorted to its last possible option.

Without having to resort to revamping the mascot outfits to portray sad, wounded beasts with a paw perpetually out, the College asked for and has received some funding for a project that will allow Southern to become what it has been claiming for a year now.

This College may actually be a State University for the 21st Century after all. ☐

Good night sweet princess

In a move that's similar to Macy's closing its doors in New York, Joplin is losing a business that epitomizes the history of this little burg.

Kassab's on Main Street will soon be turning off the lights forever. Gone, like the rest of old Main Street Joplin, just when it looked like Main Street was once again regaining its luster of old.

The departure of Kassab's is nothing like the roaring end the Connor Hotel came to in 1978 when it collapsed on itself like a tired lung after one too many Lucky's. However, the end of Kassab's puts a hole in the city that can never be replaced. The hole is history.

History is irreplaceable, and in this day and age of Wal-Mart and McDonald conglomerates, history will never be so glorious.

The storefront on Main Street was a bastion of what class and elegance could be in small town America. The stylish lettering atop the entrance that beckoned so many into its arms

will forever be in hearts of those who ever ventured near the store.

What will replace the space is uncertain, and without Kassab's it will be even harder to lure businesses to Main Street.

Main Street Joplin now has to fight an uphill battle to bring the district back to any semblance of wonder the area once possessed. Nothing can replace the toast of Main Street, but an attempt needs to be made. Joplin is nothing without a strong Main Street.

The shallow indescence of Range Line looms over the once-bustling Main Street district. Once the proud center of economy in Joplin, Main Street has been reduced in recent years to a foundering mass of confusion. The identity of Main Street was slowly being lost. With the end of Kassab's nearing, the face of Main Street will soon be unrecognizable.

To Kassab's, a final toast: Good night princess, may memories of you never be forgotten. ☐

IN PERSPECTIVE

SMSU offers convenience with courses

I am greatly appreciative to *The Chart* for allowing me the opportunity to visit with you about the Joplin Graduate Center and the graduate programs offered by Southwest Missouri State University.

I am no stranger to Missouri Southern, having graduated from the business school a few years ago and later being an instructor and then director of the military science department on this campus. I am very appreciative of MSSC for providing the "Joplin Graduate Center" in Webster Hall Room 109.

There are now three universities offering graduate programs at MSSC. The University of Missouri-Kansas City offers a master's degree in nursing practitioner.

Anita Singleton is the UMKC coordinator for this program and has an office in Webster Hall. She is currently on a leave of absence from MSSC to complete her doctorate. Central Missouri State University offers a master's degree in criminal justice. Robyn Criswell-Bloom, whose office is in Warrensburg, is the coordinator for this program.

We at Southwest Missouri State University are offering several programs.

Students may now complete a master of science in elementary education or a master of business administration here in Joplin. SMSU will begin offering the master of accountancy program on the MSSC campus this spring. In addition, most of the classes for the master of science in educational administration and master of science in secondary education can be completed here as well.

Students in these programs may see some familiar faculty faces. Currently, Dr. Libby Rozell, who is a full-time MSSC instructor, is teaching the MBA course; SMSU will be offering this opportunity to other MSSC faculty in the future as well.

Students may find it interesting that some graduate courses and degrees through SMSU are also available through the Internet.

SMSU Online will be operative in the spring.

The courses we offer are primarily held in the evening for the convenience of working professionals. Our education courses are being taught in Taylor Hall, our business courses in Matthews Hall, and our interactive video classes in Webster Hall.

During the spring semester many SMSU graduate classes will take place in the interactive classroom in Webster Room 111.

SMSU is currently using the interactive classroom for an accounting course.

Morris Sweet and John Lanp are the technical wizards who make this type of class possible. If you haven't had a chance to see this type of classroom delivery, visit with one of them about observing a class. We have found Morris and John to be very cooperative, helpful, and always interested in showing people this means of advanced technology.

My office is in Room 109 in Webster Hall. Lynn Smith, who is the secretary for both UMKC and SMSU, is also located here.

Come by and visit us or call me at Ext. 3139. Lynn's extension is 3133, Anita's extension is 3052, and Robyn Criswell-Bloom's phone number is 800-SAY-CMSU. ☐



Erv Langan
SMSU Graduate Coordinator

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FIRING RANGE

FATS system adds realism

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

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To fire a gun at someone may require good shooting skills, but for criminal justice students, it also means making the right decision at the right time. Therefore, the law enforcement academy at Missouri Southern combines three different state-of-the-art firing systems.

"First of all, we have remodeled our indoor firearms range," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology. "The live indoor fire-range now has an automatic retrieving target system, which means that a student does not have to leave the fire line. The targets can also change angles and positions depending on how we want it. Overall, we made it safer and more efficient."

Besides the live fire-range where the students get hands-on experience at actual shooting, the criminal justice department utilizes the Range 2000, known as the Israeli system.

"The Israeli system is a computerized system that projects a specific video image scenario to which a police officer must react," said Robert Terry, head of the department. "The policemen use headsets to talk to the image on a screen, and are faced with shoot/don't shoot decisions using state-of-the-art laser guns. The computer automatically judges reaction time, keeps stats, and provides us with many statistical information."

The real advantage of the Israeli system is its ability to branch out. For example, the computer is able to recognize the effect of the offi-

As long as we have it to train police officers, it is ours to use.

Jack Spurlin
technology dean

cer's shooting. If the police officer shoots the person in the arm, the computer knows the attacker is not eliminated, and therefore he still continues the attack against the police officer.

"It depends on how you kill," Terry added. "You can be fast but shoot the wrong person."

The newest addition to these two firing systems is the Firearms Training System (FATS).

"It basically works on the same principle as the Israeli system with the advantage that the laser gun has an actual recoil," Spurlin said. "The guns have air-charged recoil, which makes the action even more realistic. However, the disadvantage of it is that there are no branches, and we cannot make our own videos."

The \$70,000 FATS was given to the criminal justice department by the Department of Public Safety because Missouri Southern houses the regional police academy, Spurlin added.

"As long as we have it to train police officers, it is ours to use," he said. □

CONSTRUCTION



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

William Miller (left) and Chester Thompson work on installing a railing in the auditorium of the Anderson Justice Center addition. The 50,000-square-foot-project will be open for business for spring semester.

Justice center gains addition

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

When the spring semester rolls around, the criminal justice department's space problem should be solved.

That solution comes in the form of a 50,000-square-foot addition to the Anderson Justice Center.

"The criminal justice program is one of the largest and fastest growing programs on this campus," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology. "We ran out of space."

"If you've ever tried to walk up and down the halls of that old addition — when classes changed — it was next to impossible," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "The schedule was just a nightmare."

Those problems are not the only things addressed by the new addition. Besides the 17 new classrooms, there will be an auditorium, a computer lab, 12 additional faculty offices, and a multi-purpose room that will function like a gymnasium.

However, not all of the \$5 million for the project went to the addition. The firing range also received an upgrade.

"It's now a much safer, user-friendly range," Spurlin said. "It's all computerized — it's a thoroughly modern range now."

Because the targets in the old range were stationary, the students would have to move in order to change the target distance.

"With that, our ventilation system didn't work adequately," said Robert Terry, head of the criminal justice department. "We had a little more of a range safety hazard."

The new range has targets on tracks that can move to two different locations or "stations."

There will also be two different firearms simulators in the new addition, as well as a classroom with a garage door so vehicles can actually drive into the classroom.

"It's what we call our 'drive-in classroom,'" Terry said.

This will allow demonstrations with a police car, a car to be brought in for students to search, and an ambulance driven in for EMS students to use.

There will also be a special room for "interactive learning. According to Spurlin, a carpeted room will be separated into "modules" and students will be able to get into groups for problem solving.

"It's for classes designed around a group environment and a problem-solving environment," Terry said. "Rather than for lectures, it's for students to get together in clusters and solve their own problems. It gives more student interaction."

"I think it's great," said Sarah Davis, senior criminal justice major. "It's been crowded."

"Sometimes during a test review there will be a lot of loud noise, and you can't hear too well," said Aaron Cassidy, sophomore criminal justice major. "I'll be glad when it's done." □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

New web site showcases Southeast's environment

Southeast Missouri State University's World Wide Web site is sporting a new home-page look that showcases Southeast's student-centered environment, its tradition, and its state-of-the-art future.

The site can be accessed at www.semo.edu and provides information on the campus, Cape Girardeau and the region; academics, including Southeast's colleges, schools, departments, off-campus centers, programs, Kent Library and study-abroad opportunities; administrative information, including employment opportunities, policies and procedures, strategic planning and computer services; news and events; alumni; the Southeast Missouri University Foundation; student life; athletics; and faculty, staff, students, and alumni, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

"The new look is designed to be user-friendly and aesthetically appealing, and to provide comprehensive information about the University," said Jim Biundo, assistant to the president for university relations and chair of the university web page committee.

After reviewing several policies, the committee developed a document on content, organization of content, procedures, and guidelines. Individual divisions and departments were given responsibility for implementation of second-level pages. □

FBI agent designates scholarship to college

Missouri Western State College was recently selected to award the J. Edgar Hoover Scholarship. Gerald Gosnell, a 1943 graduate of St. Joseph Junior College and a former FBI agent, was one of six members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation selected to designate a college of their choice to be awarded the scholarship.

Gosnell chose Missouri Western.

"I feel that Missouri Western provides a high quality education," he said. "I want to give other students the opportunity to receive a good college education."

Former agents of the FBI established the scholarship to recognize J. Edgar Hoover's pursuit of excellence in educational standards for the FBI. Hoover promoted the need for well-educated and qualified personnel in all levels of law enforcement.

Missouri Western will select a student to receive the scholarship in the fall of 1998. □

Northwest opens doors to renovated building

After what has seemed like an eternity, Colden Hall at Northwest Missouri State University will open its doors in January.

Colden, which previously housed the most classrooms on campus, will offer a state-of-the-art learning environment. Although the outer appearance has remained constant, many changes have occurred throughout its three levels.

Most notably, the large lecture classroom was cleared out to give way for an atrium entrance. Making way for the atrium, the previous first-floor study lounge was removed. Lounge areas will now be sprinkled through the building.

The departments of English, political science, and marketing/management are on the east wing of the second floor. The west wing houses the departments of accounting/finance/economics, computer science, and psychology/sociology/counseling.

More than 85 department and faculty offices will be located on the second floor.

Most of the classrooms are on the third floor. □

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Seminars provide new outlook for students

Speakers reinforce teaching methods

By BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

The largest department on campus has something stirring that has law enforcement officers and criminal justice students flocking to Missouri Southern.

Every year the criminal justice department offers an average of 25-30 seminars a year for several purposes.

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, said the seminars provide advanced training for law enforcement officers.

"About two years ago, the state mandated that police officers have this training and have at least 48 hours every three years," he said. "Now the seminars are not only attended because the policemen want to advance their knowledge, they are attending because they have to."

"Policemen have so many changes in the law each year, that they are continually having an update."

Another bonus with these seminars is that students get to hear some of the nation's foremost experts speak about various topics.

"It helps the criminal justice students to get some training and some educational experience they wouldn't normally get at this college," Spurlin said.

Michelle Heimerman, senior criminal justice major, has attended several seminars before.

"You learn a lot," she said. "It's just like going to class, but it's all in one day."

"You get a certificate after every one, and they look good on resumes," she said.

Spurlin said the seminars usually draw more than 100 people from the four-state area and beyond.

They are usually one day long, but some last a week long, varying with the different topics done. Spurlin said he plans to conduct more than 30 seminars this year alone.

"We've developed and designed a 40-hour training class for Corps of Engineer Park Rangers," Spurlin said as an example. Last year, 100 rangers flew in from Texas to attend the seminar.

The 40-hour seminar is composed of five eight-hour days.

Dr. Blake Wolf, associate professor of criminal justice, says the seminars are especially beneficial for students because they get a chance to talk to local and federal officials.

"The benefit that I've seen is that essentially these speakers reinforce a lot of the things that we're teaching," he said.

"It adds a dimension that we really can't give them here. These are the people on the cutting edge," Wolf said.

Jessica Kauffman, junior criminal justice major, attended a seminar on gangs.

"We learned a lot," she said. "He showed us a lot of different symbols that gangs have. He talked a lot about gang graffiti."

"I think it's really beneficial, and we learn a lot of stuff that keeps us informed."

Spurlin says the seminars are not only for law enforcement officers and criminal justice students.

"We've opened them up several times for psychology and sociology students or for anyone on campus who is interested in those kind of things," he said.

Wolf said the department has made many contacts through the seminars.

"Because of the contacts we've made in the seminars, law enforcement agencies in this area pretty universally recommend this college as the college to go in to get a criminal justice degree." □

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Noon—
Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 306
7 p.m.—
Volleyball v. Northwest MO

Saturday 15
11 p.m.—
Volleyball w. Missouri Western
1:30 p.m.—
Football w. Truman
7:30 p.m.—
Men's Basketball v. Ozark Christian College

Sunday 16
5 p.m.—
Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church
7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement
•Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 17
Geography Awareness week
•Fall pottery show and sale begins
•Auditions for "Guys and Dolls", TPAC
•Enrollment for 30+ hours
5 p.m.—
Orientation banquet
6 p.m.—
4-H meeting, BSC, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

Tuesday 18
Free movie night at Cinema 6, sponsored by CAB
•Sign-ups begin for Schick 3/3 basketball tournament
Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313
12:15 p.m.—
Non-traditional student brown bag lunch, Heames Hall, Room 211
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
•Missouri Constitution Lecture, Webster Hall, 210
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church
•Women's Basketball w. Arkansas Tech
•Men's Basketball at Univ. of Central Arkansas
7:30 p.m.—
Voice majors recital, Webster Hall

Wednesday 19
Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
9 p.m.—
Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship

Thursday 20
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:20 p.m.—
Model UN meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223
2 p.m.—
National Broadcasting Society, Webster Hall, MSTV Studio
2:30 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Coalition Against Child Abuse, Webster Hall, Room 223
6:30 p.m.—
•Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
•Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CAB considering hockey, shopping trips

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Adam Sandler may not be making an appearance on the Missouri Southern campus as rumored, but the Campus Activities Board has been busy planning a schedule of events. Val Carlisle, director of student activities, credits student participation for this semester's success.

"Two events are planned for November," she said. "There's movie night on Nov. 13. Students can go to Cinema 6, at the Sears Plaza, show their student ID, and see a movie free."

"We are also looking at a St. Louis Blues hockey game for some Saturday during November. We go to a Kansas City Blades game every now and then, but we've had some requests for a Blues game."

Carlisle said the CAB was hoping to get comedian Adam Sandler to perform, but apparently he didn't work out.

"I put in a bid about a month ago," she said. "Actually they contacted us. They said we were right between Tulsa and wherever they needed to go, and they offered us two dates, the 20th and the 21st. I put in an offer, but they haven't responded back. We are going to try to have a comedian in the spring."

The CAB gave away cupcakes in the basement of the Billingsly Student Center Thursday. It is the CAB's way of saying "Happy Birthday" to those students who were born this month.

"We're trying to do more of that kind of thing," Carlisle said. "We're not actually having as many events because people can't always find time to go to those things, so we're trying to just give away stuff."

Carlisle said attendance at CAB meetings has risen noticeably this semester.

"Last year we just expected every-

one to know when [the meetings] were," she said. "But [this semester] Jason [Foster, CAB vice president] goes out the day before and plasters the campus and writes on the sidewalks, so people know there's a meeting tomorrow."

The CAB is also in the process of planning activities for next month.

"We don't have a date yet, but we are planning a Christmas shopping trip to Tulsa in December," said Scott Meeker, CAB president. "Students can pay five bucks and ride the [College] bus down there. We'll probably take two buses and hit a couple of the malls for that."

"Probably the Friday before

finals, we'll have a party at the Student Life Center. We'll have games, giveaways, and prizes for that."

Also in December, the CAB will host a Christmas dance on the third floor of the BSC. Music will be provided by Neosho disc jockey Bob Wentworth, who played at the Homecoming dance.

Meeker encourages even more students to attend.

"We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of every month," he said. "Everybody pays an activity fee, so everybody is welcome to come to the meetings. We can always use more ideas." □

MSSCACA



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

The Missouri Southern Student Coalition Against Child Abuse is buying teddy bears for children and raising awareness of child abuse.

Club extends comfort to abused children

Teddy bears bring security, joy during need

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

Bringing comfort to the life of a child by way of a soft, cuddly teddy bear may not seem like an unusual event, but to the abused children at the Southwest Missouri Children's Center in Joplin, it brings some security and joy in their time of vulnerability.

The Missouri Southern Student Coalition Against Child Abuse began its second annual Teddy Bear Campaign Nov. 3 to help the plight of abused children and will continue the fund-raising drive until Monday.

The teddy bears will be sold today and Saturday at the Seventh Street Wal-Mart in Joplin and the Webb City Wal-Mart.

The bears are also available for sale at Smitty's restaurant on Maiden Lane.

Dr. Richard Miller, club adviser and head of the social science department, said the purpose of the Teddy Bear Campaign is to raise awareness levels about child abuse and promote fund-raisers on the children's behalf.

"The club is selling paper teddy bears to individuals wishing to donate money to the cause," Miller said. "The names of donors are written on the bears and posted in Webster Hall. For every five paper bears sold, one stuffed bear may be purchased."

According to Miller, the club occasionally brings in a guest speaker to give a presentation to the College community on the subject of child abuse.

Club president Lori Rogers says one of the things she enjoys most is working with the children and seeing their faces once they receive the bears.

"It brings me great joy to see them hold their bears for the first time and receive the comfort from them," she said. "I enjoy working with other members in our group and seeing everyone come together for a cause we all care about."

The children receive the bears before their examinations to ensure that they will have some sort of security.

"I volunteer at the Children's Center, and it is wonderful to see the expression on the children's faces," Rogers said.

"I think it gives them a sense of security. Each child does keep the bear he or she receives." □

STUDENT HEALTH

Sharing soap can cause warts

By EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

It is shocking to think that a soapy and refreshing shower can lead to possible exposure to venereal warts.

It may all depend on how many people have had access to the bar of soap. Venereal warts are caused by a virus, the human papilloma virus (HPV), and once a person has them, they will have them for life.

"All but one [type of sexually transmitted disease] are killed within seconds of hitting a cold surface," said Kathy Cowley, manager of obstetrics at St. John's Regional Medical Center. "They like dark, warm, wet places really well, but studies done on the HPV have shown the warts capable of living longer."

"They found them living in bars of soap. That is real scary. All that I will allow in my house now is liquid soap, because they have found [HPV] living in shower rooms."

Cowley suggests people use only their own soap and not each other's. She said studies are also strongly linking venereal warts to genital cancers. That does not mean all men and women will get cancer if they have the warts. It means they have a greater likelihood.

Several chemical and surgical treatments are available for removing venereal warts.

Genital herpes is also a virus and so is HIV. Many STDs are bacterial and can be cured provided they are caught in time. Some of these include chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. STDs affect men and women of all backgrounds and economic levels.

Nearly two-thirds of all STDs occur in people

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younger than 25 years of age, she said.

Marilyn Jacobs, women's health nurse practitioner, is available on the Missouri Southern campus Fridays in Kuhn Hall. Among her duties is STD testing for both men and women. The College contracts the nurse for her services and a fee of \$15 is charged for the visit, but the lab test is free.

"We were able to qualify for the Missouri Family Planning Council so we actually do the testing free of charge," said Julia Foster, coordinator of health services. "We send them to the state lab and get the results back."

Foster said the College has been offering this service since January and did not have students coming in until February. About 30 students were tested during the spring semester.

She said chlamydia and gonorrhea were the most common infections found. Because this service is new, she believes they have not even touched the surface of the problems in Southern.

"People are more willing to use condoms [than before] and that's good, but they're not consistently using them, and we see many students who aren't using anything," Foster said.

Both Foster and Cowley place great emphasis on being tested if there is any doubt in a person's mind. Chlamydia is called the "silent epidemic" because it often shows no symptoms at all, especially in women. Serious damage can occur if left untreated, such as sterility in men, while women can suffer from chronic pelvic pain, tubal pregnancy, and infertility.

"Statistics may be grossly wrong," Cowley said. "I worked in a doctor's office for two and a half years before I even knew I was supposed to be reporting these. So I would say that the numbers we have in the state of Missouri right now are low because of that."

"If you are going to be safe, have one partner and commit to them and be done with it." □

GOING NOWHERE FAST



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Trying to find a way to exercise while avoiding the first snow of the season, Jessica Simpson, freshman undecided major, rides one of the stationary bikes located in the Student Life Center.

BILLINGSLY STUDENT CENTER

Lions' Den enhances food selection with Great American Bagels

By JEFF BILLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

With cream cheese, butter or just plain, bagels seem to be becoming more and more popular.

Starting this semester, the Lions' Den has been offering them to Missouri Southern students in conjunction with the Great American Bagel.

James Gray, manager of

AmeriServe, said bagels are one of the first steps in increasing the food selection at the Lions' Den.

"One of the things I'm trying to lean toward in our snack bar," Gray said, "is bringing stuff in with that name brand."

Heidi Howe, owner of the Great American Bagel, said the high amount of Southern students and faculty who frequent her store is what made it feasible for the Lions' Den to carry bagels.

"We had a high demand from a lot of the girls at the College, and I have a lot of professors and administration who come in on their off hours," Howe said.

"I think enough demand warranted for them to sell at the Lions' Den."

Gray said in addition to providing the students with variations of snacks, a profit must be made in the sale of items such as bagels.

"I think when it gets colder and

harder for the students, faculty, and administration to get out," Howe said, "it will be nice for them to go over there on their breaks where they're handy instead of coming over here."

Gray said the future offerings of different varieties of food and even franchises on campus will depend on Southern's growth.

"Depending on the direction that the College is moving in, as for bringing other stuff on campus,"

Gray said, "I'm sure they'll probably be looking at that, but that's not my decision."

Gray said how he handles the bagels depends on students' reaction to these new ideas.

"If it doesn't work, it doesn't work," he said.

"Then we've got to think of something else, but one of the things that I'd like to do is try to bring in stuff that's going to please the students." □

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CONCERT

Jamboree hits College campus

By SUSIE FRISBIE
STAFF WRITER

Grove, Okla., has been the home of the country music show the Kountry Kuzins Jamboree for 11 years now, but soon Missouri Southern will host the Kountry Kuzins for a special benefit concert.

The concert on Friday, Nov. 21 will be held at Taylor Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Tickets for adults are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children's tickets are \$4 in advance and \$6 at the door. Children under 5 will be admitted free.

Tickets can be purchased at the Newton County Ambulance Headquarters or the Joplin Fire Station.

The proceeds from this benefit concert will help aid in Newton County Ambulance EMT and Joplin Fire Captain Art Hine's battle with cancer.

With its wide range of musical styles, John Harden, producer of the show and fiddler, believes the Kountry Kuzins Jamboree will be enjoyable for a wide variety of concert goers.

"We play contemporary country music and some traditional and also some gospel and patriotic music," he said.

Brian Hauck, director of the show, believes the tradition of the show is what makes it so special and sets it apart.

"I think it's a wonderful show full of tradition," he said. "I love being a part of that."

Not only does the show attract a wide variety of people but the performers as well.

The show consists of a six-piece band, a comedian, two national champion cloggers, vocalists, and the technical crew.

Hauck believes the comedian in the show sets it apart from other shows.

"The comedy you see in the show is every bit as good as what you'd see in Branson," he said.

The show has attracted performers from across the area.

"We have people in our show from Carthage to Bartlesville," Harden said.

The cloggers in the show are national champions in two categories.

Their success has allowed them the opportunity to perform at a summit in Denver before President Clinton and Russian leader Boris Yeltsin.

The show also has a former Miss Kansas runner-up as well as a former member of the New Texas Playboys.

This concert is not the first time the Kountry Kuzins have played outside their 700-seat theater in Grove.

"We've performed several times on the 'Carol Parker Show' and at the Granby Old Mining Days," Harden said.

With the success of Kountry Kuzins, it's easy to compare their show in other country music meccas.

"We are a country music show just like you'd see in Branson," Harden said. □

FUNDRAISER



Marie Kissel of Neosho and her daughter-in-law Lisa Kissel visit the Brushstrokes display Sunday.

Auction benefit fights cancer

National artists donate work to American Cancer Society

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Local and national artists teamed up with the American Cancer Society last weekend to help fight cancer. Twenty-eight artists from five states submitted paintings, sketches, and sculptures for the fine arts auction and show held at the John Q. Hammons Center Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The event kicked off Friday with educational seminars and demonstrations for Joplin public schools and Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School. The seminars were presented by Jim Bray, head of the Missouri Southern art department, and Perry Fleming, another long-time area educator and artist.

Artists from around the country apply for the show and are selected by an unnamed jury.

On Friday evening an invitation-only dinner was held at the Hammons Center and awards were given to the artists with the auction immediately following.

"The artists donated one piece of their work to be

auctioned off after the dinner, with all the proceeds going to the Society," said Sherri Zerkel, area income specialist for the American Cancer Society. "Local business people donate a monetary award which goes 100 percent to the artist."

The art to be auctioned off is judged before the auction for the artist's award.

"This entices [the artists] to put their best piece into the auction," Zerkel said. "The auction raised around \$30,000, 60 percent of which goes to the artists and the remaining 40 percent to the American Cancer Society."

On Saturday and Sunday the show was open to the public free of charge. Persons were able to view the artists' works and purchase from the show.

The proceeds from Saturday and Sunday's exhibition and sale were split between the artists, 75 percent, and the American Cancer Society, 25 percent.

"The attendance at the weekend show could have been a lot better," he said. "But overall it has been a good show."

"It is a challenge to balance an art exhibit with the guidelines of a non-profit organization."

The biggest drawback was that the ACS not able to purchase advertising for the event, Fleming said.

"We were able to do all of the local TV shows like the 'Carol Parker Show' and 'Good Morning Four States,'" Zerkel said. "That helped a lot." □

NIGHT LIFE

National comedy routines come to Joplin nightspot

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

If laughter is the best medicine, Joplin is receiving its full dose from a local club that features comedy routines prevalent in cities across the United States.

Via booking agencies that handle hundreds of touring comedians, routing them throughout the country, The Bypass has reigned pre-eminent in bringing professional comedic acts into the limelight of Joplin's entertainment bill.

"Most all of the headliners (comedians) have had their skits on TV," said Mike Pawlus, owner of The Bypass. "They're the same entertainers that you'll see in the bigger cities' comedy clubs."

The quest for jovial jabber has been just another part of the overall picture for The Bypass' public offerings. The availability to

see humor unfurled lends a metropolitan feel to the area.

Robert York, a comedian juggles and works with a lasso while telling humorous stories. He has appeared on television and kept a live audience howling when he performed at The Bypass recently. Aimee Cahn, 28, a supervisor at Wilder's Fine Foods and member of York's audience, says comedy shows offer something that other types of entertainment don't.

"Some of the best part about [stand-up comedy] is the innuendo, some of the things that the comedians don't say," she said.

"I think that a lot of the comedy shows that they get to come here are more cultural and a lot better than other types of entertainment that Joplin has," said Nancy Jordan, 35, a paramedic.

"Comics are so involved with the things that happen in day-to-day life, like politics

and the like. Comedy helps you make fun of the crap that usually makes you mad," Jordan said.

Even though support for the comic relief in town has been enthusiastic, The Bypass remains pragmatic in its offerings. Pawlus says he doesn't feel portentous about the rising interest in the shows.

"There hasn't been any real competition locally," Pawlus said. "Once in a while I've seen someone try it on kind of an off night thinking that they can build their business up for that off night."

Pawlus said he tries to avoid overindulging the public appetite for humor.

"We don't do it too often because it is a small market," he said. "If we over-saturated it, then it would get old. But by doing it every couple or three weeks, people look forward to the next one."

Cultivating the local entertainment tastes

for stand-up comedy has involved offering what bigger cities do.

"We have advanced reserved tickets so people are guaranteed a table and get seated, and that's really important," Pawlus said.

Pawlus says the key to providing successful comedy shows is to offer entertainment for other aficionados as well.

"Our reason for doing the live comedy is the variety," he said. "If we just played all alternative music, then we'd be catering to the younger crowd or all blues shows; we'd just get that kind of crowd. Doing the comedy shows gets a wider variety of people through our door."

"Some bars just do entertainment in a desperate manner; they try to do weird stuff to stay open because they think that that's what they have to do to stay open," he said.

"But that's not the way you stay in business." □

MUSIC REVIEW



Jane's Addiction frontman Perry Farrell returns to top form.

Jane's Addiction returns, rehashes

By AARON DESLATE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Since its inception, it has been the tendency of the music industry to exploit and manipulate any and all original artists in order to generate additional cash. In many cases, artistic expression has taken a back seat to the all-mighty dollar.

Jane's Addiction broke up in 1991 primarily to avoid just such an embarrassment. But in the true nature of the industry beast, Jane's Addiction soon fell victim to several postmortem attempts by record labels to capitalize on the group's name with second-rate bootleg releases.

Now, six years after the band's demise, three of the original members have decided to set the record straight. Brought about by a partial reunion of the band (minus only

Eric Avery on bass), Warner Brothers has released *Kettle Whistle*, the first official Jane's Addiction project since *Ritual De Lo Habitual*. The album is comprised of 15 tracks, most of which are demos and live recordings. The packaging boasts four new tracks, but two are actually older studio outtakes that were cut from previous albums.

While the new tunes fail to adequately demonstrate the band's impressive song-writing abilities and will most likely disappoint older Jane's Addiction fans, the emotion of the group's live show comes through with mind-numbing ferocity.

Jane's Addiction was never a group that disappointed live, and *Kettle Whistle* is probably the closest many of today's music enthusiasts will come to being front row. On most of the tracks, frontman Perry

Farrell seems to be in top shape. Guitarist Dave Navarro demonstrates why he is considered by many to be one of the best live guitarists on the planet, and Stephen Perkins is his furious self behind the drums.

The mixes on the live tracks are raw and somewhat base-heavy in spots, but this only seems to amplify the power behind the unique song structures presented.

Some of the studio outtakes sound tired but do offer the listener earlier versions of hit songs like "Been Caught Stealing" and "Mountain Song."

While first-time Jane listeners should probably pick up *Nothing's Shocking* before giving this disk a try, *Kettle Whistle* is a must for old-school fans who want to reminisce about the days when modern rock was still called alternative, and Molley Crue was cool. □

Coming Attractions

On Campus



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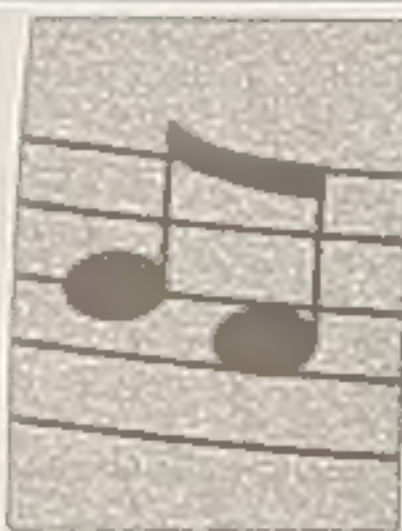
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BIOLOGY

Students present at symposium

TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Speaking at a national symposium is an accomplishment for anyone, especially for four Missouri Southern students.

The students, Phil Johnson and Megan Murphy, senior biology majors, and Gretchen Leggett and Amanda Costley-Drake, junior biology majors, spent last weekend in Chicago attending the Argon National Undergraduate Symposium.

"Argon National Lab is a very prestigious place to be accepted to present research," said Dr. James Jackson, a professor of biology who encouraged Johnson and Murphy to submit their research to the symposium. "The students were really hyped about it. Generally, they are excited about their research and want to tell people about it."

The students each submitted an abstract of their research projects to the symposium, Murphy explained. An abstract is a short synopsis, usually a few paragraphs, of the student's research.

Murphy did her research while working as an intern last summer at the University of Arkansas. She was involved with a study of magnesium deficiency and its effect on bones. While working in Fayetteville, she joined a project working with rat research.

Ex situ bioremediation of hydrocarbon contaminated soil using microorganisms was the topic of Johnson's research. This means using a natural bacteria to eat up soil contaminated by petroleum products, he explained.

"The idea of using a naturally occurring material to solve a problem really appealed to me," Johnson said. "I studied old salvage yards

where they used to just drain the soil into the ground."

Using a bulldozer and dump truck, Johnson removed tons of soil to conduct his experiment.

The impact of food irradiation on microbial content and taste was a project taken on as a team effort by Leggett and Costley-Drake.

"We are looking for a new way to kill bacteria in food," Leggett said. "We worked with apple cider and irradiation to keep it fresh. We did a taste test on campus last semester. People may remember us."

They compared apple cider preserved by irradiation against pasteurization, Leggett explained.

"When I recommend someone submit their research, I am looking for three things," Jackson said. "Really good scientific content, unique research, and a high quality work." □

NAMES: Almost like having a twin

From Page 1

Even the Internet can be tricky for people with the same names. At Southern, e-mail addresses are based on a person's last name and first initial. If the first initial is duplicated, then the next person receives a numeral after the first initial. However, there is no distinction between people with the same first and last name because the middle initials are not listed in the database. Theoretically, people with the same name could be getting other people's e-mail.

"No one's raised the question, but that doesn't mean it didn't happen," said Steve Eamey, assistant vice president for information services. "Most of the time when you're e-mailing someone they give you their e-mail address."

That little tidbit apparently has eluded some friends of students with the same name.

"My friends who are e-mailing me have to e-mail me as Lisa No. 1," said Lisa J. Ball, a freshman general business major.

Lisa J. has never met her name twin. She found out about the other Lisa Ball when a friend got worried one day in class when the instructor called Lisa Ball's name and a stranger answered to the name.

If having the same name isn't weird, try having the same name and almost an identical phone number. The two Todd Eatons on campus share a name and the first

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Lisa J. Ball
Freshman general business major

six digits of their phone numbers. The last numeral in their phone number is only one different.

Todd J. Eaton is a senior computer information science major, not the Southern soccer standout many of his instructors mistake him for. The name even confounded his doctor.

"I had my appendix taken out, and my doctor saw my name in the paper a couple of days later and he asked me how I was doing and how I'd recovered so quickly," Todd J. said.

The strangest thing ever to happen to Todd J. was when he received a credit card bill for Todd M. Eaton and it even had Todd M.'s address on it.

"I don't understand, unless the mail people know me," he said. □

BAIAMONTE: Ready for new things

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"I've seen a lot of growth here," Baiamonte said. "It has grown from four buildings and will continue to grow."

He said he has seen many things at Southern, including a visit by the president (George Bush) and vice president-to-be (Dan Quayle).

"The freshmen in my classes weren't even born when I started teaching," he said. "I've seen a lot of students; now I'm seeing their children."

Baiamonte said he began thinking of retirement last year and decided the time was right.

"It's a good time to retire," he said. "I don't want to die in this office. I've been in education over 40 years and I want to do things I haven't had a chance to do."

Baiamonte said he would like to read some of the books he has stacked up and never had the chance to read and see some of the United States.

"I was in the service and saw other countries," he said. "I want to see this country."

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said Baiamonte will be missed.

"He has been an institution as far as I'm concerned," Tiede said. "He has done an outstanding job." □

SPECTOR: Finding time to travel

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"We have a house back in Connecticut; we spend our summers there," he said. "I miss Long Island Sound. I've always lived on the coast."

Spector also plans to travel and pursue hobbies such as bird watching.

"I doubt if I'll want to teach," he said, "but I might want to be a part-time academic secretary. That's where the real power is — just ask Charline!"

Charline Lewis, secretary for the English department, wishes she had the power to keep him at Southern.

"I've tried to talk him out of it," she said. "He's been super to work with. We've had a lot of fun around here."

Dworkin also expressed great regret over Spector's decision.

"He has set a very positive tone in the department," she said. "It's hard to describe how, exactly, but it's his character, the flavor of who he is. He's full of good humor; he's curious and quirky."

A national search is under way to fill the position. □

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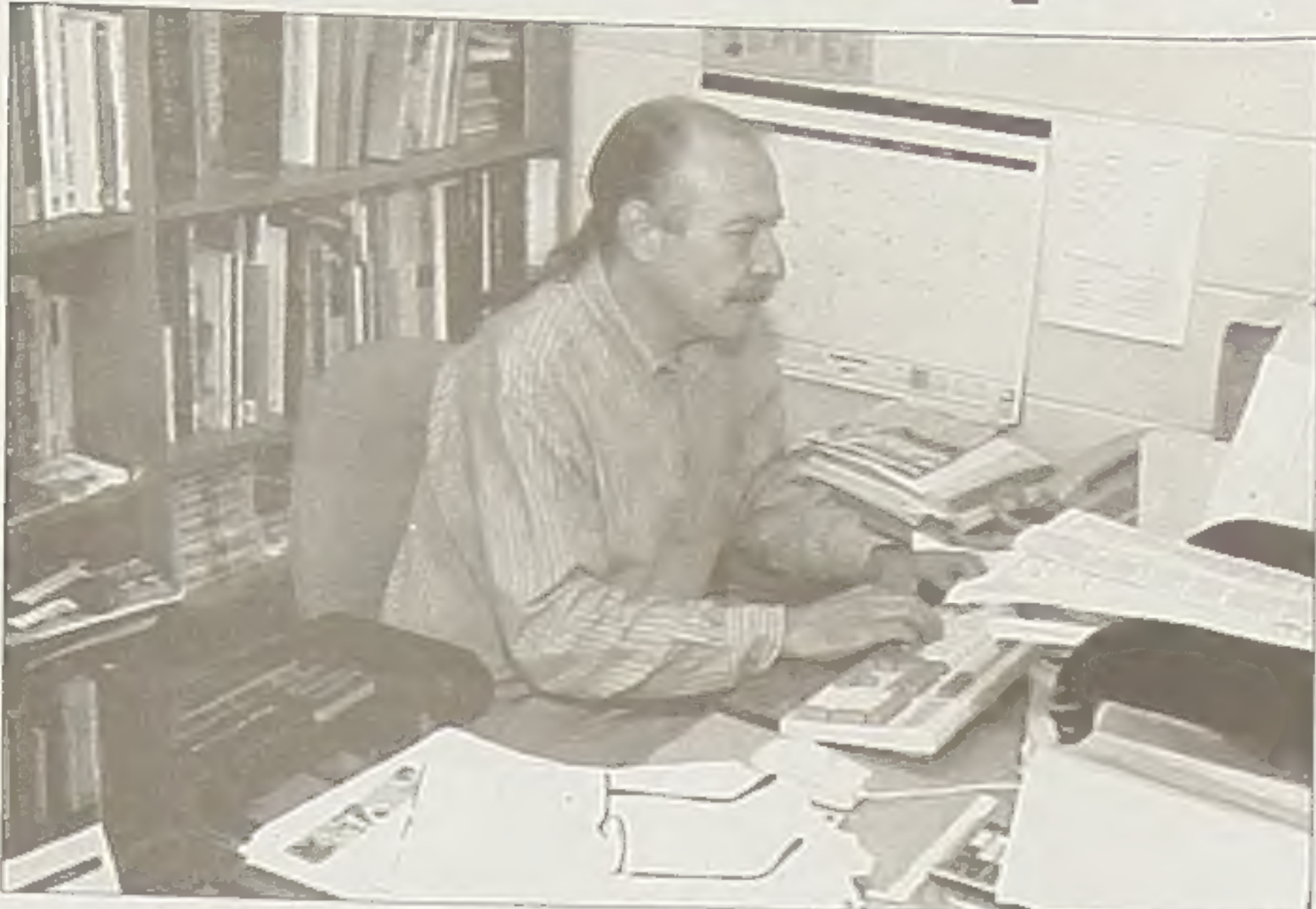
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Professor holds prestigious teaching awards



Nick Kyle, associate professor of art, is the recipient of several awards including National Art Teacher of the Year in 1991 and the Award of Excellence in 1992 by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.

By EARL BECKHAM
CHART REPORTER

With several of the most prestigious teaching awards under his belt, Nick Kyle decided to join Missouri Southern.

Kyle, associate professor of art, was named the National Art Teacher of the Year in 1991. In 1992 he was given the Award of Excellence (Secondary Teacher of the Year) by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.

He is currently a member of the Oklahoma Arts Institute, National Art Education Association, Missouri Art Education Association, Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition, Individual Artists of Oklahoma, and the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education.

Kyle has had 11 solo exhibitions and more than 50 group exhibitions. His work has been exhibited in Oklahoma, Texas, Indiana, Missouri, Louisiana, Arizona, and California.

He started at Southern in August. He teaches Computer Design I and II, Basic Drawing, and Basic Design.

"I like change; coming here was part of that," he said. "I like challenges in my life. Change is exciting, and it makes you reevaluate yourself. That's one of the reasons I came here."

Kyle has been married for 11 years. His wife is a freelance writer and a graphic artist.

"I have a son that is 29, a rock-n-roller in Austin. He's been in the music business since the ninth grade," Kyle said.

"I like music. I love all kinds of music. I have CDs running out my ears," he said.

Kyle's teaching experience includes South Junior High School, instructor; Western Oaks Junior High in Oklahoma City, chairperson; Oklahoma Art Center School of Art, instructor; Oklahoma City Community College, instructor; Putnam City West High School, instructor; and National Arts Education Research Center, New

York University, teacher/researcher.

He was also chairperson of the fine arts department at a high school in Oklahoma City before coming here. Kyle helped plan the curriculum and the budgeting for music, art, drama, and debate.

"One of the things I found here at Southern is that the schedule is more relaxed," he said.

"I have time to reflect and plan. I did not have that before. The other thing I like is the super nice students. I have not met a student that I did not just say, 'Gosh, this is great.' It has got me excited about teaching again."

"I'm very calm; I approach life with a very calm approach," Kyle said. "I do not get excited; I never overreact. I try to leave things as they come along."

"There is never a right or wrong; we live in a gray area. We need to find our place in it, to come to the reality that there is not going to be a black or white situation. That it's always going to be relative." □

FORENSICS SQUAD

Gilstrap writes for fun, practice

By JON YOUNG
CHART REPORTER

Writing in the outdoors somewhere. That's where you would find Curt Gilstrap if he had his choice.

Gilstrap, director of forensics and instructor of speech communications, started this fall as a full-time instructor at Missouri Southern. He writes for fun and analytical practice, in both fiction and academic studies.

"I think you should be enthusiastic, in fact have a passion, for what you want to do," he said. "If you

don't enjoy what you are doing, you need to try something else."

Gilstrap started out as a business major, but became bored with the accounting classes. Already in inter-collegiate forensics, he talked to a few instructors who pointed him toward the communications field.

After graduating from Southern, Gilstrap packed a two-year master's degree in communications into one year at Southwest Missouri State University.

"It was tough," he said. "I couldn't have an outside job. I survived on a lot of rice and Ramen noodles in those days."

To Gilstrap, communications "really stuck" with him. He is interested in how people speak and the tools they use. He is publishing a paper on these subjects.

Throughout his time in school, his parents and sister have supported him. His small-town rural family means a lot to him.

"It's good to have someone bolstering us from the outside," Gilstrap said. "My family did a good job of that."

Gilstrap came to Southern because of its smaller, friendlier size. He liked the way Southern doesn't have 300 or so people in a core class.

"I have noticed that a lot of major universities are heading toward cutting back to about 15 to 18 students in a room," he said. "In this free corporation, people are wanting to hire individuals who have those kind of interpersonal skills."

Gilstrap believes teaching at Southern is a good experience. He likes the tight-knit group of people who work on campus.

"You see one face, you'll probably see it again," Gilstrap says, "whereas at a major university you might not see those people again."

Gilstrap's goals include obtaining a Ph.D. in rhetorical theory in the next three years. His advice to students is to set goals and work hard to achieve them. Gilstrap believes students should "commit themselves to college."

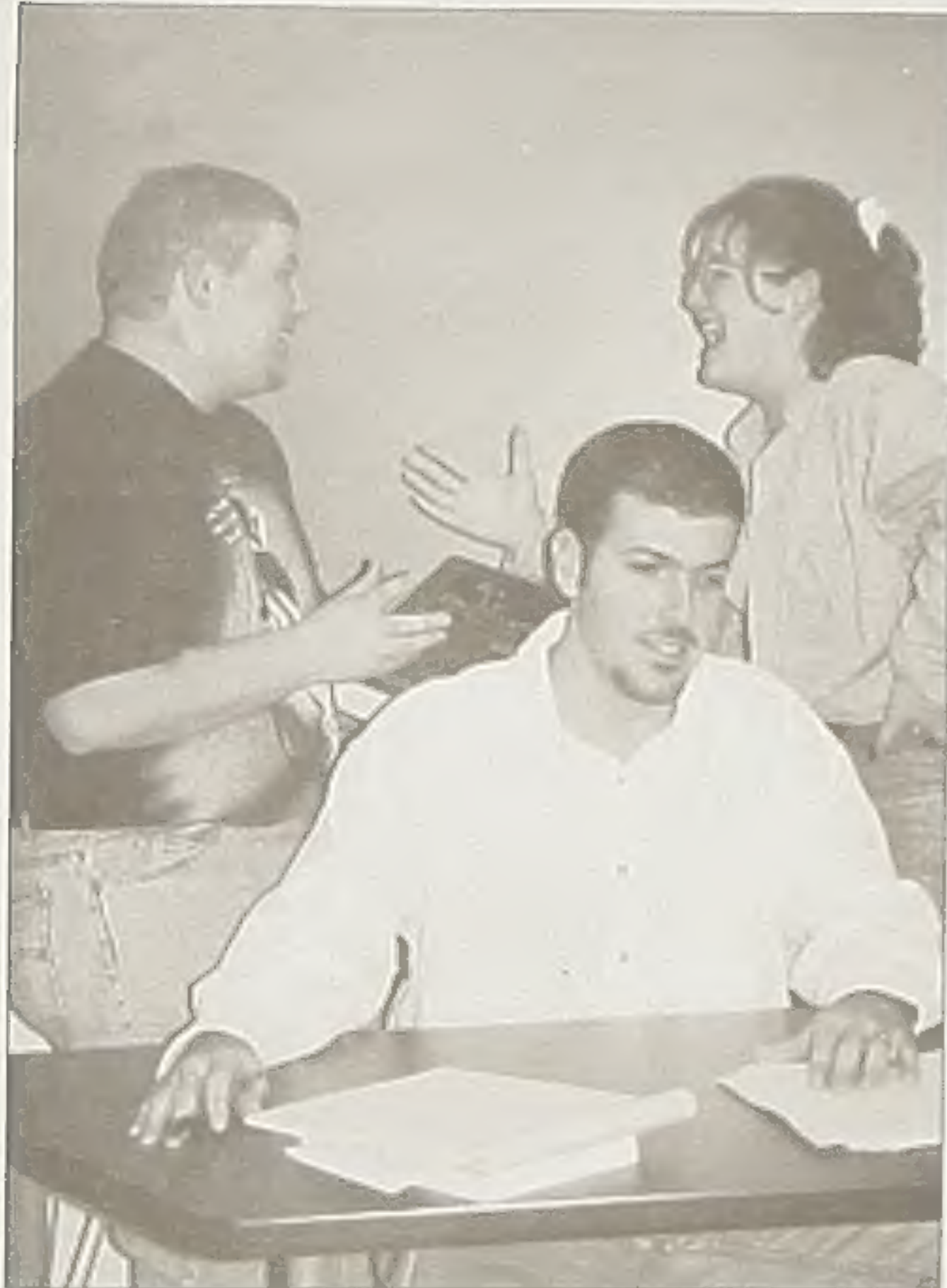
"Aside from that, do nothing that you wouldn't expect from anyone else," he says.

His hobbies include working out. He does it for enjoyment rather than for routine and health. He likes shooting, which he finds people tend to think is "too much of a modernist to do." He also inline skates.

"I've spent too much money on skates and skating equipment over the years," he said with a laugh.

Gilstrap also likes to read, keep up with movies, and socialize as his other hobbies.

His interest in post-modern French philosophy and other academic studies crosses over to his spare time, too. □



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Curt Gilstrap, forensics director and speech communications instructor, looks dazed as Joe Day, freshman communications major, and Becca Cassidy, freshman secondary education major, have a heated debate.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Dr. Maria Amalia Coronel, assistant Spanish professor, has taught classes in Argentina and Spain.

Southern Spanish instructor values family relationships

Coronel compares differences between two cultures

By GREG MIDGETT
CHART REPORTER

One Missouri Southern Spanish instructor is firm about her philosophy of life.

"It's important to try to clarify what you want and go for it," says Dr. Maria Amalia Coronel, assistant professor of Spanish. "Have ideas, fight for them, and have an open mind about the world."

Coronel has taught in various places around the globe, including Argentina, Spain, and currently in the United States. She heard about this job at Southern from

her husband, Dr. Rodolfo Schweizer, an assistant professor of Spanish at Southern. She taught here part-time in 1994 and 1995 before taking another teaching job in Wisconsin. Coronel is now here full-time and "loving every bit."

"When he told me about the position at Southern, it was a job I couldn't refuse," Coronel said. "I would like to keep teaching until I drop dead."

Coronel has taught Spanish in Argentina as a first language, and now she teaches it as a second at Southern. Because of her vast international teaching experience, Coronel believes there are many differences in the

Spanish/American cultures.

"It's very different," she said. "The Spanish culture loves to be outside, and they are very family and friend oriented, whereas in the United States people tend to stick to their own."

Family tends to take up most of Coronel's time. She has sisters back in Argentina, a 26-year-old son who is working for his Ph.D. at the University of Texas-Austin, and a 23-year-old daughter who graduated from the University of Wisconsin as a computer science major. Coronel's daughter works in Germany as a computer programmer.

Coronel admires the recently deceased Mother Teresa for her unlimited work with the needy. Mother Teresa devoted her life to

helping the poor and the homeless, and worked with the Red Cross.

"I really don't have any heroes, but I admire anyone who gives or helps other people," Coronel said.

She received her Ph.D. from Temple University in Philadelphia.

She has taught Spanish at the university level in Spain as well as in Argentina and the U.S.

Even though Coronel is an assistant professor at Southern, she has not yet achieved her goals as a college professor.

"I would like to be a linguist and work with language and social context," she said. "I would like to research Indian languages from Argentina." □

ADMISSIONS



TERESA BLAND/The Chart

Packing things into her trunk is just part of the job for Mary Adamson, admissions counselor, who travels around to schools in southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma, and northwest Arkansas.

Exercise, WWF relieve stress

Southern graduate advises students on networking

By JALYN HIGGINS
CHART REPORTER

When not at work, she is exercising or watching WWF (World Wrestling Federation) Raw.

"To me it is just hilarious," said Mary Adamson, admissions counselor. "These humongous guys are putting on this theatrical show for 25,000 people. These people are just nuts. They think it's real. It is more entertaining than soap operas."

She spends any other free time keeping in shape as assistant to the Missouri Southern track team and directing Tuesday Night at the Track (TNT) during the summer.

Exercising is a must in her life, and if she's not doing homework she's exercising. Rollerblading, walking, lifting weights, and playing basketball also help keep her relieved of stress.

Adamson received her bachelor of science degree in business administration from Southern. She is completing a master's degree in human resource development from Pittsburg State University.

Adamson recruited students for Southern while working at Eagle-Picher for one and a half years.

"I loved the days I could come to Missouri

Southern whether it was presenting to a student organization or coming to the annual career fair," she said.

When Adamson saw the ad for the admissions job, she thought it should be a Southern graduate who had good memories of the College.

As part of her job, she visits schools in southeast Kansas, northeast Oklahoma, and northwest Arkansas.

Adamson's advice to students trying to find a career is simple. "When it is time to get a job, your networking skills are very important," she says. "You never know that someone you meet may be your boss one day. It's a small world."

"In a lot of cases it's not what you know, it's who you know and what those people think about you," she added. "Really look into the job you are interested in."

Overcoming obstacles is something Adamson can do well. "A lot of the things I accomplished I never thought I could," she said. "I am by no means a long-distance runner."

After running 60 miles the first week of class, she almost quit because she thought she couldn't do it.

Coach Tom Rutledge explained to Adamson that she was doing a great job and that she was pretty tough for someone who had never done it before. Thanks to Rutledge, Adamson stuck it out and later became the MIAA champion in the heptathlon and lettered three years. □

DOWNTOWN JOPLIN

Local business to end 90 years of service

Kassab's closing doors on history as purveyor of exclusive fashions

By EILEEN COR
STAFF WRITER

The end of an era is before our eyes. Kassab's, the oldest family-owned business in downtown Joplin, is closing its doors forever.

"Our long standard of excellence in fashion is what has set Kassab's apart," said Anthony Kassab, owner. "It began when my father [Ralph] founded it in 1907. I'm admittedly proud of my heritage of fashion leadership and quality which has been our specialty, our reason for being."

The initial store Ralph Kassab opened was called The Oriental Shop.

Located in the 600 block of Main Street, it specialized in imported silks, laces, and brass.

Jane Phinney, a loyal customer since she was a child, still owns a tablecloth that was bought in the original shop.

"At the moment I'm depressed," she said. "I'm so sad they are closing. My family has shopped there ever since (the store) has been in Joplin."

"They are honest and very caring toward their customers. In fact, when they would go marketing, they would keep us in mind. I would get a call from a girl at the shop say-

ing they have something I would like, and sure enough, I did."

In 1939 the name was changed to Kassab's and the store was moved to 418 Main St. This move also marked the beginning of Kassab's emphasis on women's fashions.

"They're like part of the family," said Virginia Hickey, a customer of 35 years. "It's been wonderful to have them there; whenever you needed something nice and different, they knew where to get it at a minute's notice almost."

Today's Kassab's location was bought in 1960 and was remodeled and enlarged in 1989.

"Kassab's has weathered a lot," said Rob O'Brien, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. "Downtown really began suffering probably in the 60s and 70s with the growth of strip malls and regional shopping malls. Kassab's has been there through that."

"Hopefully it won't be too much of a detriment to the momentum in downtown. When you have an institution like Kassab's close — it's a blow."

Anthony Kassab served on the Missouri Southern Board of Regents from 1981-86. He said he is proud of being part of the group that raised the money in the early 1960s to buy the land that Southern was built on.

He also "dreamed up and put in motion" a project that was executed by the Joplin Rotary Club called "Operation Green Leaves" which provided 90 percent of the trees found on the campus oval. □



Marydan Kasaab (right) works the counter in the final days of Kasaab's fine clothing. Owner, Anthony Kasaab served on the Missouri Southern Board of Regents from 1981 to 1986.

JASON FOSTER/The Chart

RICHARDSON'S CANDY HOUSE

Sweet tradition reaches near and far

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

This is the season for tradition, and for many people that means a vacation from counting calories and fat grams. It's a tradition that Bill and Joyce Kastler bank on.

As the owners of Richardson's Candy House, located on South Highway 86, the Kastlers are gearing up for the busiest weeks of the year. When they purchased the business three years ago, they began building on a 24-year reputation for fine handmade chocolates and confections.

"We've worked hard to maintain the quality that [Don and Peggy] Richardson established," Bill Kastler said.

He estimates 90 percent of their business comes from repeat customers.

"We're starting to get second-generation customers now," he said. "We even get people who remember when it was a tavern back in the '30s and '40s."

Margaret Skinner lives in Springfield, but she never misses an opportunity to stop by the Candy House.

"I come every time I'm in town," she said. "For awhile I lived in Kansas City, and I still came. I get my daughter's stocking candy here every year."

Dixie Hardy and Jody James, sisters from the Joplin area, are also regular customers.

"We come every year," James said. "I always buy the tins and sample the candy."

Fay Lundien comes for a different reason.

"I can't eat sugar, and I come for the diabetic candy," she said. "They have a great variety."

The Kastlers had no previous experience in either candy making or small business, and they continue to find it challenging.

"I'm a CPA, and Bill was in manufacturing management in St. Louis," Joyce said. "We knew we wanted to own our own business, and we saw this one advertised."

"It's a growing business, and it's more intense than you might think."

The Kastlers employ approximately 25 full-time workers during the Christmas holidays, but it drops to one full-time and five or six part-time employees during the rest of the year. In addition to walk-in customers, they have an extensive mail order business.

They recently built an 1,100-square-foot addition for production, warehouse space, and mail orders. They also temporarily expand their space from Valentine's Day until Easter by operating a kiosk at Northpark Mall.

The diversity of work and customers keeps the business interesting, they said.

"It's a fun place to work," Joyce said. "Our customers are happy, and we meet a lot of interesting people." □



AILEEN GRONEWOLD/The Chart

Sisters Dixie Hardy (left) and Jody James examine decorative tins filled with chocolate during a visit to Richardson's Candy House.

FAT AND HAPPY

New sports bar not for couch potatoes

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

For sports enthusiasts, Fat and Happy—A Burger and Beverage Establishment, offers a new alternative to cheering for a TV team.

"It's a sports bar where you participate rather than just observe," said David Riesenny, a Joplin attorney and co-owner of the restaurant and bar.

By spring, he said outside activities will include sand volleyball, horseshoes, basketball, and a bocce ball alley. Unique to Joplin, bocce ball is Italian lawn bowling similar to shuffleboard. Besides viewing televised sports, patrons can play a variety of board games.

Manager Jan Holland brings experience from her former positions as a server-bartender at Kitchen Pass and manager at Wilder's Fine Foods to the new restaurant. Making the switch was an easy decision.

"I was really interested in it (Fat and Happy) and liked what I saw," she said. "It's small, it's not real big, just enough where you don't have to run around crazy."

Riesenny said the interior seats approximately 80, and the outdoor beer garden and bar accommodates the same.

"We are occasionally going to have live magical acts and local musicians with acoustic sets," he said.

Riesenny and his partners, attorney Robert Parrish and entrepreneurs Gary Garvin and Phil Garvin, decided on the venture one evening.

"We bought the property as an investment," he said. "I think we all had a secret desire to own a bar and restaurant, and said, 'Why don't we have our own place.'"

The property is the former Hunt's Barbecue located two blocks south of Stone's Corner on North Main Street. Game boards accent the walls, and the checkerboard floor echoes the game theme. A jukebox adorns one corner, and an electronic dart board beckons to the rear.

The corrugated steel ceilings provide a backdrop for the exposed rafters. A wrap-around bar surrounds the kitchen where the house special, the one-pound Fat Burger, is prepared. Holland said the menu is simple with burgers, chili dogs, and homemade fries and onion rings. Wine and some 25 imported and domestic beers will also be served.

Riesenny does not consider the restaurant a family place, but said it will draw a "cross-section of teens to geriatrics."

Holland will be accepting applications for servers today from 1 to 4 p.m. Hours of operation are Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 1 a.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, persons may call 626-2002. □

REGIONAL
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Main Street Joplin picks new executive director

The Main Street Joplin board of directors has selected Brian Marlow as the new executive director. Marlow will assume his duties in mid-November. He replaces Wendi Kelly, who is leaving her position due to her engagement and plans to move to Arizona.

Marlow comes to Joplin from his position as director of special events marketing and tourism development for the Broken Arrow, Okla., Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as executive director of the Main Street program in Miami.

Marlow is a 1995 communications graduate of Missouri Southern. While at Southern, he served an internship as the assistant to the director of Main Street Joplin.

"We are pleased that Brian will be returning to Joplin to serve as Main Street director," said Gary Shaw, board president. "His previous experience here as well as his experiences in Oklahoma have prepared him well for this leadership position."

Marlow has worked with Kelly this week. Activities happening this week have included the grand opening of the Downtown Enterprise Center and Main Street's involvement in the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce program "Good Morning Joplin." □

Blunt hosts 2 town hall forums on IRS reform

Congressman Roy Blunt says the movement to reform the Internal Revenue Service is a positive step, but "until we eliminate the federal tax code that no American can understand we cannot have a fair tax system for everyone."

Blunt is hosting two town hall forums on Saturday in southwest Missouri.

At 9:30 a.m., a meeting will be held in Springfield at the OTC Classroom Building at Chestnut Expressway and Bower. In Joplin there will be a 2 p.m. meeting at the City Council chamber, Joplin City Hall, at 303 E. Third St.

People who want to speak at the forums about the IRS and eliminating the tax code are urged to reserve their time now by calling the Blunt Tax Reform Hotline at 1-888-889-3535 (toll free).

"As one who is sponsoring legislation to scrap the current tax code by the end of the year 2000, I urge you to join this important debate. Until we agree on a common course of action, we will be forced to live with a tax system that is incomprehensible and unfair," Blunt said. □

TELLEBRATION! draws storytellers together

Thousands of people around the world will gather in small towns and big cities to enjoy storytelling on Nov. 22. The annual event, known as TELLEBRATION!, has grown into one of the most impressive collective events in the history of the modern storytelling revival since its inception in 1983.

This year the Joplin area will join in the global TELLEBRATION! spirit. Joplin Area Storytelling Perpetuation, Encouragement, and Resources (J.A.S.P.E.R.) will produce the local event Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Northpark Mall. It is free to the public.

"At the same time we're sharing stories here in Joplin, people all over the globe will be telling and listening to their own tales," said Sue Godsey, Carthage, a storyteller for the event. "It's exhilarating to know that we'll be part of a worldwide event right here in our own community. For people who have experienced a storytelling performance before, this will be a great opportunity." □

CARTHAGE

Small local communities share common airport struggles

By JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Carthage's airport has been closed since Dec. 31, while factions continue to debate future development of airport land.

A group of supporters fought for survival of the Myers' Park Airport, located on the city's southern edge. Others thought land the airport occupied would be better utilized as a business district. Many citizens on both sides of the issue favor opening a new airport at a different location.

Mayor Don Riley vetoed a recent

council bill to reopen the airport, effectively ending any chance the airport would remain at its present location.

Carthage's situation is typical of a community's desire to maintain an airport against limited revenues and use by a small percentage of citizens.

Riley said he believed the airport benefited few people and brought in little revenue for the city compared to potential profits from sales tax if the area was developed commercially.

"In public office you have to spend money wisely," Riley said. "We are

very close to opening that property for development... this would benefit everyone."

According to Max McKnight, Carthage economic development director, south Carthage is growing with several business opening or relocating in that area.

"This is just one of the expenses of a community that you have to weigh the cost benefit," he said.

"Airports can be good for cities, just like parks, hospitals, YMCAs. When you really look at it, a limited number of citizens really used this airport for business or pleasure."

John Brown of Mizzou Aviation in

Joplin said there are three main purposes for an airport in a community such as Carthage: local aviation-related businesses (crop dusting, for example); a landing place for pleasure aircraft who do not meet the requirements to land at larger airports; and a convenient place for pilots that have business in the community to land.

"The main reason someone lands at an airport is because they have a reason to go to that town," said Perry Knight, manager of the Miami, Okla., airport.

Knight explained pilots in the area often fly because it is faster to fly to

small airports than drive between towns.

Neosho, Lamar, Cassville, Pittsburg, Kan., and Miami, Okla., are among the small towns in the area with airports.

According to McKnight, about 30 aircraft were based at Carthage prior to closing, similar to the 28 reported by Knight to be housed at the Miami airport.

"The one big thing that is different in Carthage is its close proximity to Joplin's airport," Brown said. "You are only 10 miles driving between the Joplin airport and the Carthage airport." □

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Crisp winter evenings turn into sweaty battles to the finish in which anything can and does happen. It's addictive.

For those Missouri Southern fans who have felt the craving less and less over the past few seasons,

I, for one, am ready to get hooked. ☐

Southern experiences triumph, pain

BY GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

"Without a doubt Sonia Blacketer will give everything she's got," coach Patty Vavra

Though he knew he was not up to his optimum performance ability due to the infection, Wilks opted to make the trip north and

With Shanna Lynch, who stepped forward into the Lady Lions' No. 3 spot, out sick for

"Sonia's had such an outstanding season, and I don't see any reason why that wouldn't continue," Vavra said. □

Senior running back Justin Taylor (28) fights off a Bearcat defender during the Lions 35-10 win over Southwest Baptist University on Saturday in Bolivar. Southern will play its last game of the season Saturday against Truman State at 7 p.m. at home.

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

"I was a little worried that if we won we would become complacent and content with the winning season," Cornelsen said. "We've been focused all week, though. We've had a good attitude, like we want


"This is the type of situation where we have to have other people step up and take their place," Green said. "They have to come out and fill the void." □

B. NICK PARKER

Scoreboard

1. Northwest Missouri	8-0, 10-0
2. Pittsburg State	7-1, 8-1
3. Truman State	6-2, 6-3
4. Emporia State	5-3, 7-3
5. Missouri Southern	5-3, 6-3
6. Central Missouri	4-4, 5-5
7. Missouri Western	2-5, 4-6
8. Washburn	2-6, 3-7
9. Missouri-Rolla	1-7, 2-8
10. Southwest Baptist	0-8, 0-9

1. Central Missouri	14-0, 24-5
2. Missouri Southern	10-4, 23-8
3. Emporia State	10-4, 15-14
4. Washburn	9-5, 17-13
5. Truman State	7-8, 20-15
6. Missouri Southern	5-9, 8-16
7. Pittsburg State	4-10, 8-18
8. Northwest Missouri	3-11, 21-16
9. Southwest Baptist	1-12, 7-23



**Lady Lion
Times**
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Pines

1. Sonia Blacketer, 18:05
2. Amanda Harrison, 18:36
3. Jessica Zeller, 18:45
4. Jill Becker, 21:49
5. Emily Petty, 23:49
6. Anna Ford, 25:04

Friday

Saturday

■ Volleyball Lady Lions play host to Missouri Western State, 11 a.m.

■ Basketball Lions play host to Ozark Christian College, 7:30

■ Basketball Lions at University of Central Arkansas, 7 p.m.

■ Lady Lions basketball at Arkansas Tech, 7 p.m.

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CHART BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Lions blend old, new faces

Key acquisitions will add depth, experience to roster

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Last season's disappointing conference finish is not likely to be repeated by the Lions this year if size and veteran experience can be utilized.

After a 9-18 overall finish in 1996-97 and 6-12 MIAA mark, the Lions will be coupling several new faces with five full or part-time starters in an attempt to turn their record around.

With only one senior, transfer Terry Mills from Rutgers University, the team may seem to be lacking in leadership, but this is not the case according to head coach Robert Corn, who named Mills captain despite this being his first year at Southern.

"We normally have more than one senior on the team," he said. "In this case Terry's our only senior, and I felt like through our pre-season conditioning that his work ethic dictated this."

Corn says he called upon some different resources in recruiting two of his players.

"I think we certainly went to an

area that we haven't gone to that much in the past, and that's Puerto Rico," he said. "That's an area I've got connections from coaching down there for 12 summers. A good friend of mine told us two years ago about Osiris [Ricardo], and so we started recruiting him when he was a freshman at South Plains [Texas Junior College]. He also told me about Eddin [Santiago]. We were very fortunate to get both young men."

Ricardo, at 6-10, will join 6-9 junior Matt Olson underneath to give Southern a real height advantage.

"There are a lot of new faces," Olson said, "but we're really coming together and the attitude has been real good."

Aside from Ricardo and Mills, four other transfer students were slated to join the Lions this season, but only 5-10 junior guard

Larry Bateman from Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College and 6-3 forward Rashaan Hicks from Northwest (Mo.) Community College will be suiting up.

Junior guards Larry Gause and Maurice Auberry, both from State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo., will not be on the ros-



Missouri Southern junior guard, Larry Bateman practices his free throw technique during a pre-season practice. The Lions open their season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night at home vs. Ozark Christian.

ter for the 1997-98 season. Gause is academically ineligible, and Auberry has left the team this season for personal reasons.

In addition to Santiago, two other freshmen on the squad are Derek Krogh, a guard from Spokane, Mo., and Micah Ansley, a guard from Webb City.

Six veteran Lions will be returning to the court this season. Olson, last season's second team all-MIAA center, averaged 15.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. Sophomore forward Carlos Newberry averaged 10.8 points and 4.9 rebounds despite playing the entire season with a broken wrist.

"He's coming along fine," Corn

said. "Hopefully, Carlos will have the cast off in a little over a week and rehabilitation will take about seven to 10 days. We anticipate that he will miss two games and be back for the rest of the season."

Honorable mention all-MIAA pick Mario Phillips, a 6-0 junior, will be back, as will junior forward Allan Brown, who stepped up in the three-point department for Southern last season. Phillips averaged 10.6 points a game, 3.1 rebounds, and 3.1 assists.

Brian Taylor, a 6-4 junior forward, and 6-6 sophomore center Jeremy Uhlmann round out the Lion roster.

While the Lions were picked fifth in the MIAA pre-season poll after finishing eighth last season, Corn

thinks the selection is fair considering the addition of new players who are virtually unknown to the area.

"I can understand why we were picked fifth, although would we be content to finish fifth? No," Corn said.

One weakness of last year's squad was an inability to perform in pressure situations down the stretch. The Lions were 1-8 in games lost by 10 points or less, but Olson says he thinks things will be different this season.

"We were really young last year, and this year we're a lot more experienced," he said. "We're a lot more mature and I think we'll make better decisions." □

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Robert Corn
head men's
basketball coach

In the Lions' path

Nov. 15, vs. Ozark Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 18, @ Central Arkansas, 7 p.m.

• Nov. 21, vs. St. Edwards, 5:30 p.m.

• Nov. 22, vs. William Jewell, TBA

Nov. 25, vs. SIU-Edwardsville, 7:30 p.m.

◆ Nov. 28, vs. Northeastern State, 7:30 p.m.

◆ Nov. 29, vs. Arkansas Tech, 7:30 p.m.

■ Dec. 5, vs. William Jewell, 6 p.m.

■ Dec. 6, vs. TBA, TBA

Dec. 12, vs. Rockhurst, 7 p.m.

Dec. 30, Dream Builders, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 3, @ Lincoln, 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 7, vs. Southwest Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 10, @ Central Missouri State, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 14, @ Truman State, 8 p.m.

Jan. 17, @ Washburn, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 21, vs. Missouri-Rolla, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 24, @ Emporia State, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 28, vs. Pittsburg State, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 31, vs. Emporia State, 8 p.m.

Feb. 3, @ Southwest Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 7, vs. Northwest Missouri, 8 p.m.

Feb. 11, vs. Missouri Western, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 14, vs. Truman State, 3 p.m.

Feb. 18, @ Missouri-Rolla, 7:45 p.m.

Feb. 21, Pittsburg State, 7:45 p.m.

• At Pittsburg State Classic

◆ Missouri Southern/Freeman Sports Medicine Classic

■ Missouri Western/Hilltop Classic

Coach Corn's crop

23, Micah Ansley, fr., G, 6-2, 175, Webb City H.S.

10, Larry Bateman, jr., G, 5-10, 160, Hutchinson C.C.

33, Allan Brown, jr., F, 6-5, 195, Avila College

30, Rashaan Hicks, jr., G, 6-3, 183, Northwest Mo. C.C.

12, Derek Krogh, fr., G, 6-0, 170, Spokane H.S.

42, Terry Mills, Sr., F, 6-6, 220, Rutgers University

44, Carlos Newberry, So., F, 6-4, 200, White State H.S.

53, Matt Olson, Jr., C, 6-9, 217, Neosho H.S.

24, Mario Phillips, Jr., G, 6-0, 157, Hamilton H.S.

52, Osiris Ricardo, Jr., C, 6-10, 245, South Plains J.C.

14, Eddin Santiago, Fr., G, 6-0, 142, Bayamon Military

50, Brian Taylor, Jr., F, 6-4, 199, Joplin H.S.

32, Jeremy Uhlman, So., F, 6-6, 200, Holister H.S.

Turnovers key for Lady Lions

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Defense wins games. And according to Amy Townsend, Missouri Southern's head women's basketball coach, defense is her team's strongest point.

"We are going to hurt some programs with our defense," she said. "We want to put a style of defense on the floor that will frustrate ball handlers and force them to turn the ball over."

The forced turnovers caused by the Lady Lions' aggravating press should turn into several easy breakaway lay-ups.

One player Townsend expects to create problems for opponents is senior point guard KaTonya Samuels. Samuels led the team last season with 82 steals.

"I'm glad I get to coach her and not coach against her," Townsend said. "She is fast and she has proven that she can continuously steal the ball."



Lady Lion sophomore, guard Chara Oldfield applies pressure to teammate Katonya Samuels, senior guard.

TIM WILSON/The Chart



Sophomore Chara Oldfield controls the boards during a Lady Lion pre-season game.

TIM WILSON/The Chart

Junior guard Mandy Olson is another player Townsend expects to "create havoc" as a defender. "Mandy is a strong and physical player," she said. "It takes great shape and great effort to go out and play defense at 100 percent for the entire time you are in. She is that kind of player."

The Lady Lions return seven to a team that had a 13-14 record last season. Among the other returners are Shelly Oliver, Courtney Hulsey, Megan Mickey, Lyndsey Kenealy, and Chara Oldfield.

Oldfield, a guard from Adrian, Mo., will provide experience and leadership on the court.

"Chara is very quick and she's a great anticipator," Townsend said. "She's like the quarterback on the floor. She sees the things that no one else does."

The coaching staff brought eight new faces into the program this year, five freshmen and three junior college transfers: Stacy Wyatt, a 6-0 forward from Stillwater, Okla.; Sara Jones, a 6-0 forward from Oklahoma Union high school; Kasey Doss and Jen Lawrence, both 5-6 guards from Webb City; and Tathaya Pierce, a 5-9 guard from Oklahoma Union High School.

Jones played 21 minutes in last week's contest and impressed the coaches early in the practice season. Her father is a boys' basketball coach and both of her sisters play at the college level.

"She is so fundamentally sound," Townsend said. "She has been around basketball all of her life. She stuck out in practice from day one."

Perhaps the people most impressed with the newcomers are the veterans.

Olson and Oliver said the new players are hard

working and competitive.

"They push the older players to do well," Olson said.

Among the transfers are Shelby Wyatt, a 6-1 center from Stillwater, Devon Adams, a 5-7

guard Penn Valley Community College and Kim Marty, a 5-9 forward from Crowder College.

"We have a lot of players that other teams don't know about," Townsend said. "Each of our new players serve separate roles."

One of the advantages the Lady Lions will have this season is their size. They have five players who are at least 6-foot.

"That is a nice-sized team for Division II," Townsend said.

Townsend is also confident about the depth of her team. She said the 1997-98 Lady Lions may be one of the most versatile teams she has ever coached.

"We have great size and many good players," she said. "Most of our girls can play two positions, so sometimes it doesn't matter if someone fouls out."

Despite Townsend's optimism, the Lady Lions were picked ninth in the MIAA pre-season coaches' poll. The low ranking upset some of the veteran players.

"I think we are better than that," Oliver said.

"Now all you have to do is go out there and prove it," Townsend replied.

The Lady Lions opened their season Nov. 6 against the Lithuanian National team. Southern's next game is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, against Arkansas Technical College. □

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We want to put a style of defense on the floor that will frustrate ball handlers, and force them to turn the ball over.

Amy Townsend

Southern head women's basketball coach

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In the Lady Lions' path

Nov. 18, @ Arkansas Tech, 7 p.m.
• Nov. 21, @ Cancun, Mexico, 8 p.m.
• Nov. 22, @ Cancun, Mexico, TBA
♦ Nov. 28, vs. Midwestern State, 6 p.m.
♦ Nov. 29, vs. Rockhurst, 6 p.m.
Dec. 3, @ Northwest Missouri, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6, @ Henderson State, 5:45 p.m.
Dec. 13, vs. William Jewell, 6 p.m.
Dec. 20, vs. Lincoln, 7 p.m.
Jan. 3, at Lincoln, 7 p.m.

Jan. 5, @ Rockhurst, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 7, vs. Southwest Baptist, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 10, @ Central Missouri, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 14, @ Truman State, 6 p.m.
Jan. 17, @ Washburn, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 21, vs. Missouri-Rolla, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 24, @ Emporia State, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 26, vs. Central Missouri State, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 28, vs. Pittsburg State, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31, vs. Emporia State, 8 p.m.
Feb. 3, @ Southwest Baptist, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 7, vs. Northwest Missouri, 6 p.m.
Feb. 11, vs. Missouri Western, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 14, vs. Truman State, 3 p.m.
Feb. 18, @ Missouri-Rolla, 5:45 p.m.
Feb. 21, @ Pittsburg State, 5:45 p.m.
• Torneo Cancun De Basquetbol, Cancun, Mexico
♦ at Pittsburg State Thanksgiving Tournament

Townsend's troops

10, Devon Ahrens, jr., G, 5-7, Penn Valley C.C.
34, Kasey Doss, fr., G, 5-6, Webb City H.S.
25, Courtney Hulsey, so., G, 6-0, Neosho H.S.
41/31, Sara Jones, fr., F, 6-0, Oklahoma Union H.S.
14, Lyndsey Kenealy, so., G, 5-11, Liberty H.S.
35, Jen Lawrence, fr., G, 5-6, Webb City H.S.
44, Kim Marty, jr., F, 5-9, Crowder J.C.

55, Megan Mickey, jr., G, 5-10, Crowder J.C.
20, Chara Oldfield, so., G, 5-8, Adrian H.S.
40, Shelly Oliver, sr., F, 6-2, Neosho County J.C.
43, Mandy Olson, jr., G, 5-8, Neosho H.S.
23, Tathaya Pierce, fr., G, 5-9, Oklahoma Union H.S.
22, KaTonya Samuels, sr., G, 5-4, Coffeyville C.C.
33, Shelby Wyatt, jr., C, 6-0, Bacone C.C.
45, Stacy Wyatt, fr., F, 6-0, Stillwater H.S.



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head men's
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(from left) Osiris Ricardo, Larry Bateman and Terry Mills will add extra artillery to Southern's arsenal.

TIM WILSON/The Chart

Southern revamps basketball lineup

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

Don't be surprised if you don't recognize many members of the Lion basketball team this year. With only six returning players, Southern has a new look this season. And with so many new players, it could be difficult early in the season to be clicking on all cylinders.

Southern opens its season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday against Ozark Christian College. The Lions beat the cross-town school 86-35 in last season's opener.

"I'm always concerned early in the season, but we have six guys who we relied on last year," said coach Robert Corn. "They have leadership and will hopefully blend in with the new players."

The returners from last year will also be expected to do more this year. Especially with the Lions going 1-8 last season in games decided by 10 points or less.

"That was a mark of a young team; we returned four

sophomores and two freshmen," Corn said. "Losing close games are signs of having a young team."

After last season Corn decided to take a new route to turn the team around.

Instead of primarily recruiting freshmen, he pursued transfer students.

"Our transfer players have playing experience and should be good in those situations," he said. "We had the opportunity to get some good players and size. They have good athletic ability, and we had the chance to pick up some good athletes."

"We had to get some size — Matt Olson was our only returning player taller than 6-foot-5," he said.

The line-up for the Lions could be juggled this season, and starting spots are up for grabs.

"Anyone and everyone needs to be ready to play on any given night," Corn said.

Some of the key new players are Terry Mills, a transfer from Rutgers University, Larry Bateman, and Osiris Ricardo. Mills, a 6-6 senior, averaged 9.6 points and 3.6

rebounds per game last season for the Scarlet Knights. Bateman, a 5-10 guard from Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College, is reputedly an aggressive defender.

Ricardo, a 6-10 transfer from South Plains (Texas) Community College, is expected to team with the 6-9 Olson and give the Lions a powerful one-two punch under the boards. Rashaan Hicks, a 6-3 junior guard, scored 21.3 points a game two years ago at Northwest (Mo.) Community College.

Corn has already noticed improvements during practice over last year's team.

"We are better athletically this year, and we have a lot of good, experienced players," Corn said. "Mills had experience in the Big East Conference, and they're all coming from good and winning programs and with a positive attitude."

This team also seems to have a lot of confidence.

"We have key players coming back and blending very well with the new guys in practice and jelling very well as a basketball team," Corn said. □